

**Silver**

**Spur**



Will  
Rich

~~Rich~~

Danny

James

Steve

John

Amanda

Tammy

Holly

Bern

Sammy

Tim

Jesse

Karl

Cobb

Michael

Shannon

Carol

Michelle











*Sam  
Brother*

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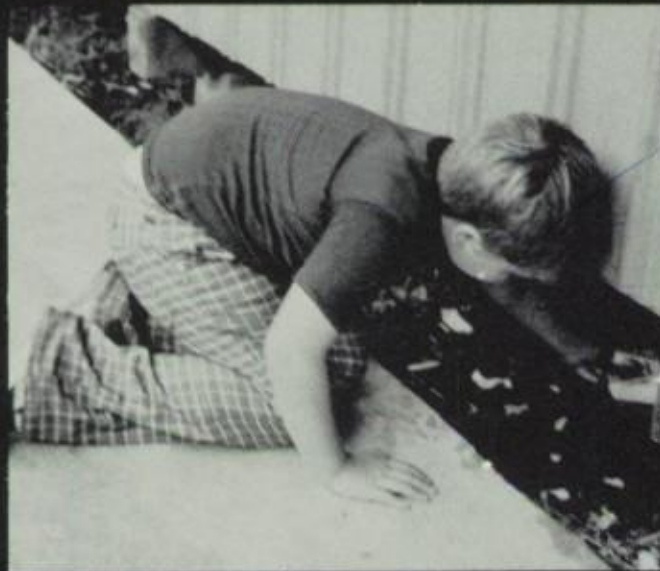








## Old Days of 1975-76



**Days of being  
together . . . . 17**

**Days of being  
unique . . . . 47**



**Days of being  
ambitious . . . 63**

**Days of being  
competitive . . 81**

**Days of being  
spirited . . . . 101**





Old days, good times I remember  
Fun days, filled with simple  
pleasure  
Drive-in movies, comic books,  
and blue jeans











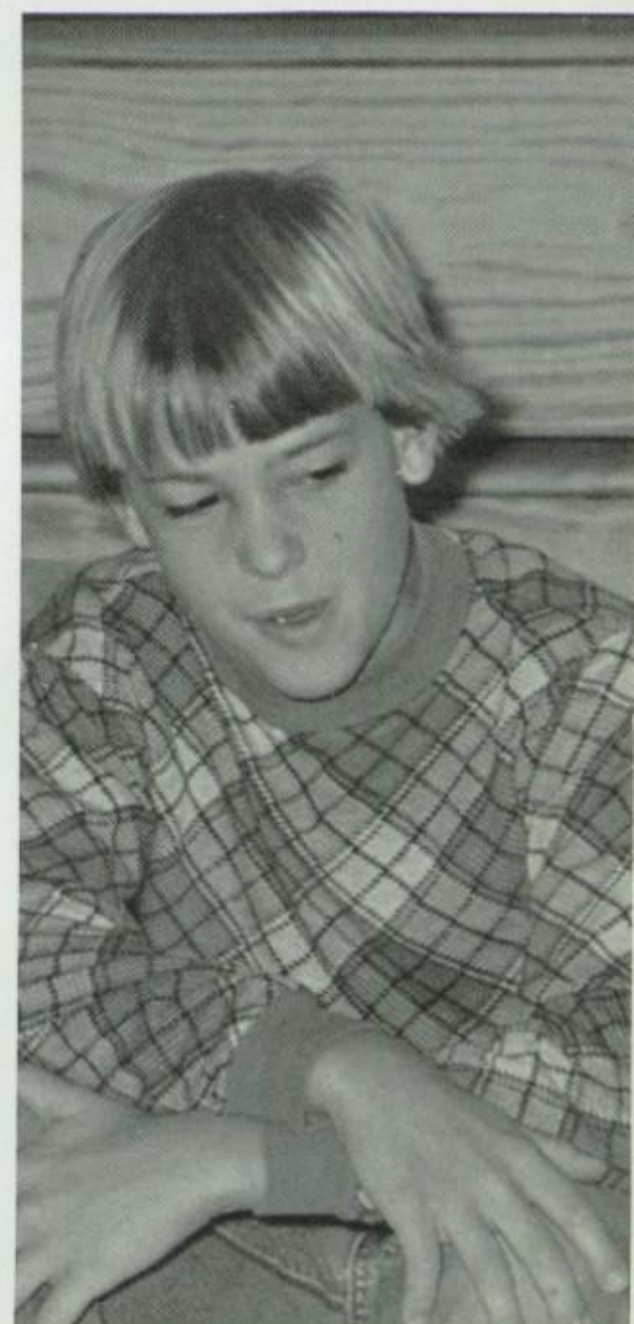


**Howdy Doody, baseball cards, and  
birthdays  
Take me back to a world  
gone away  
Memories seem like yesterday.**

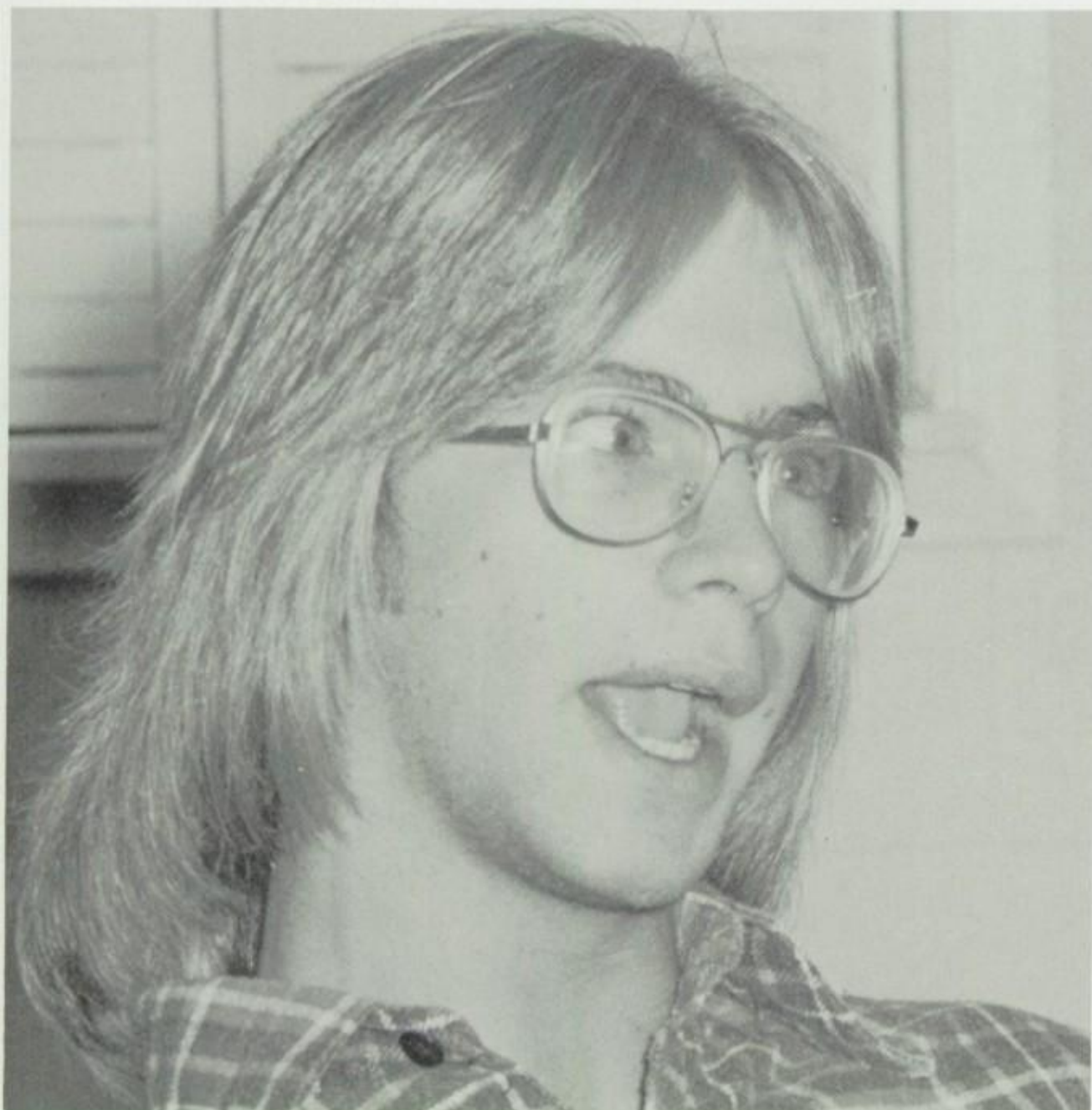
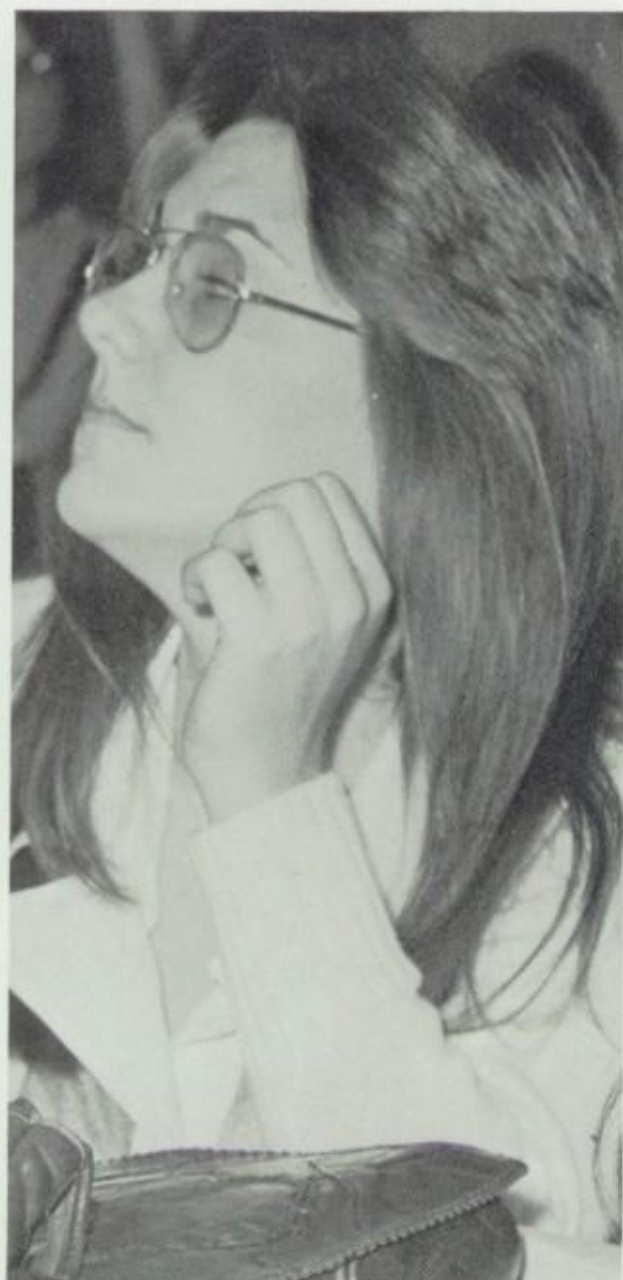
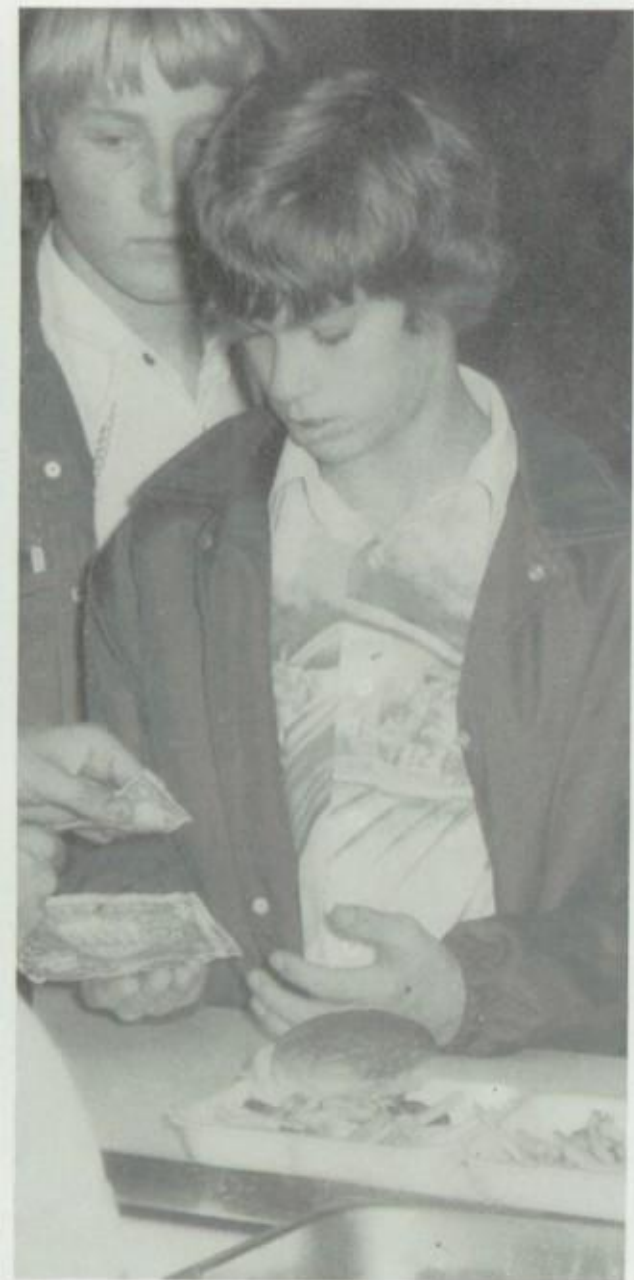




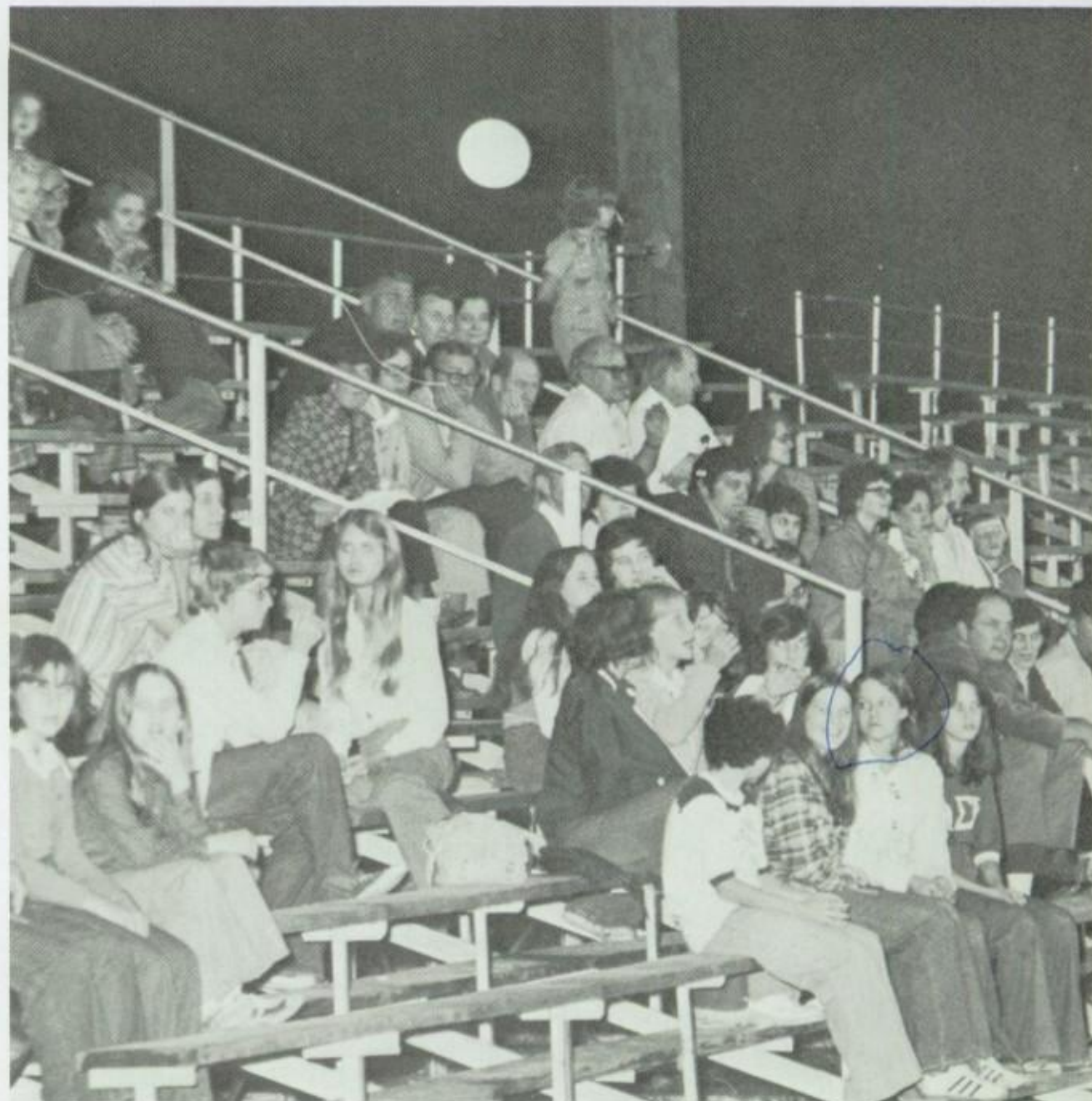
Old days, good times I remember  
Gold days, days I'll always  
treasure  
Funny faces, full of love  
and laughter







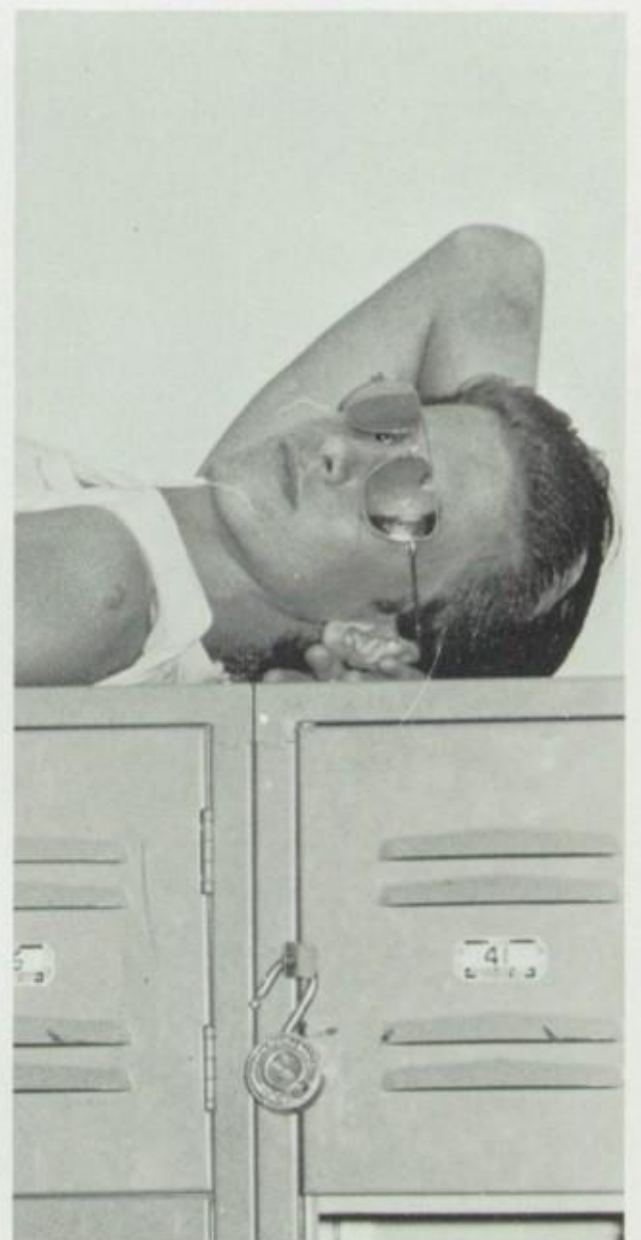






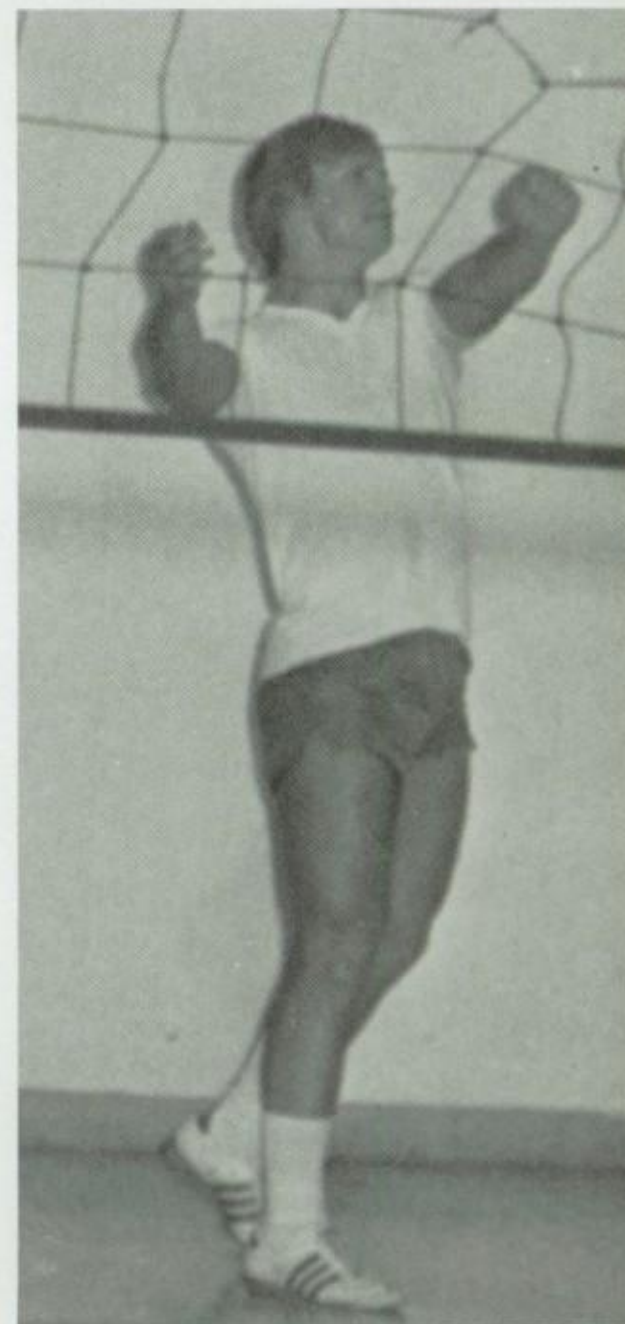


**Funny places, summer nights, and  
streetcars  
Take me back to a world  
gone away  
Memories seem like yesterday**





**Old days, in my mind and in my  
heart to stay  
Old days, darkened dreams  
of good times gone away**









Old days, days of love and  
feelin' fancy free  
Old days, days of magic still  
so close to me









## **The 1975-76 Edition of the Silver Spur Is Dedicated to Mrs. Barbara Easterling**

The SILVER SPUR staff dedicates this edition in memory of Mrs. Barbara Easterling. She was the first treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Monroe Educational Foundation, and gave much of her time and energy to benefit River Oaks and to help make it the fine school that it is today. A new Louisiana history section of the school library, also dedicated to Mrs. Easterling, was purchased with memorial funds this year.





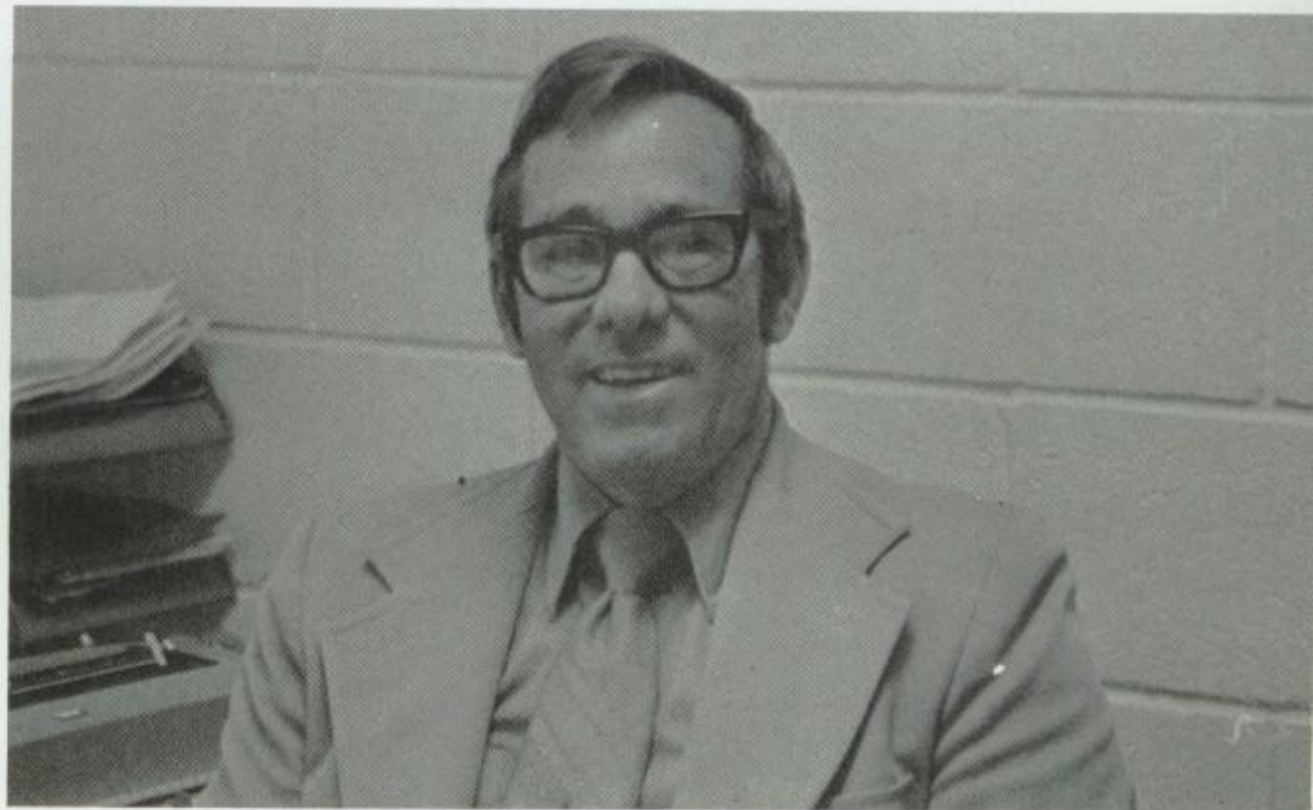


# Days of Being Together





# Administration and Board Plan



Dr. M.M. Crowe and Mr. B. J. Hammock work extremely long hours to make River Oaks a school of high academic excellence. With the yearly increase in enrollment, these two dedicated Mustangs strive to maintain an outstanding educational environment.

Dr. Crowe prides himself in the overall smooth operation of River Oaks. Mr. Hammock works with organizations and controls discipline in the elementary and junior and senior high schools.





# Expansion of River Oaks



Mr. Louis D. Smith, Mr. Walter J. Pierron, Mrs. Daniel W. Sartor, Vice President Robert L. Tirmenstein, President Don R. Stinson, Mr. A. E. Montgomery, Treasurer Pat Siudy, Mrs. D. Ryan Sartor, Jr., and Secretary Lovell E. Hayden.



The 1975-76 Board of Directors of the Monroe Educational Foundation responded to River Oaks' growing needs by purchasing ten additional acres of land. A new football field and track were constructed, and plans were made to build a permanent elementary school building housing twelve classrooms and lunchroom.

The Board also worked to further the purpose of the school, which is to educate students to their maximum potential through a program of testing and evaluation to determine areas of interests, needs, and abilities and to offer a curriculum to encompass the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral growth of all students.

The River Oaks School consists of grades one through twelve based upon a six-six curriculum plan—six grades in the junior-senior high school. Each year RO expands its educational facilities.

In keeping with the philosophy of the school, each section of the elementary school is limited to 20 pupils with each junior-senior section limited to 25 students.





# RO Teachers Instill

Mrs. Jeannette Ackel—Jr. High Language Arts; B.A., La. Tech; M. Ed., NLU.

Mrs. Annelle Blanchard—French; B.A., LSU; French Club and Sundance Kids sponsor.

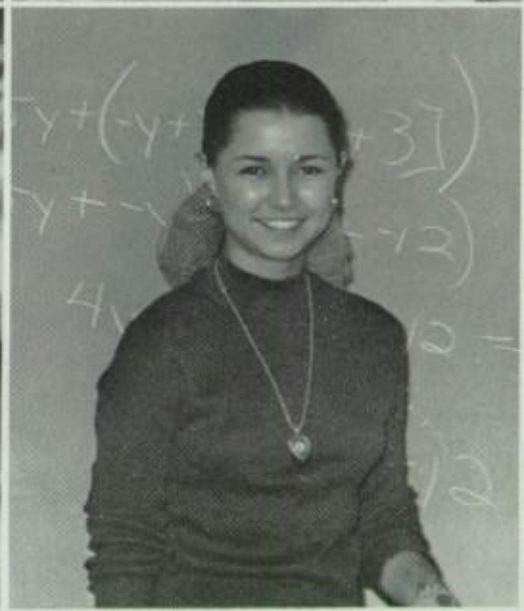
Mrs. Ellen Boatright—Business and Typing; B.S., USL; M.A., Peabody; Business Club Sponsor.



Coach Woody Boyles—Head Football Coach, B.S., Tulane; M.A., NLU.

Mrs. Barbara Breaux—Librarian; B.S., La. Tech.

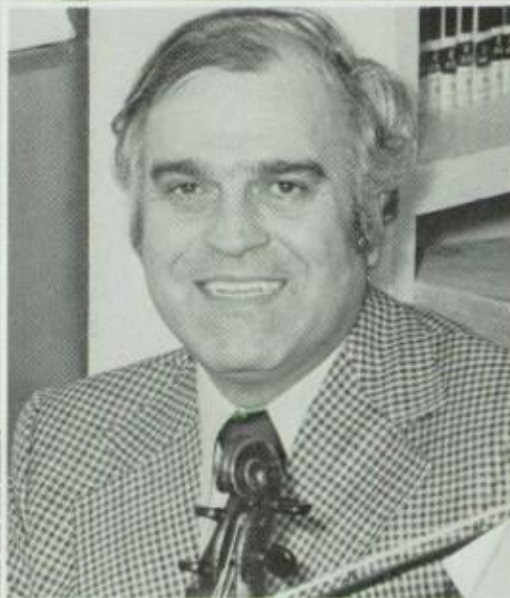
Mrs. Nancy Brewer—Civics, Algebra 1; B.S., La. Tech; M. Ed., UNO.



Mrs. Harriet Cale—Guidance Counselor; B.S. and M.A., LSU.

Mr. Joe Cleveland—Orchestra; B.M.E., TCU; M.Ed., U. of Colorado.

Mrs. Rachel Cruse—General Science; B.S., La. Tech.



Mr. Timothy Dousay—Jr. High Math; B.A., La. College; Jr. High Basketball, Varsity Baseball.

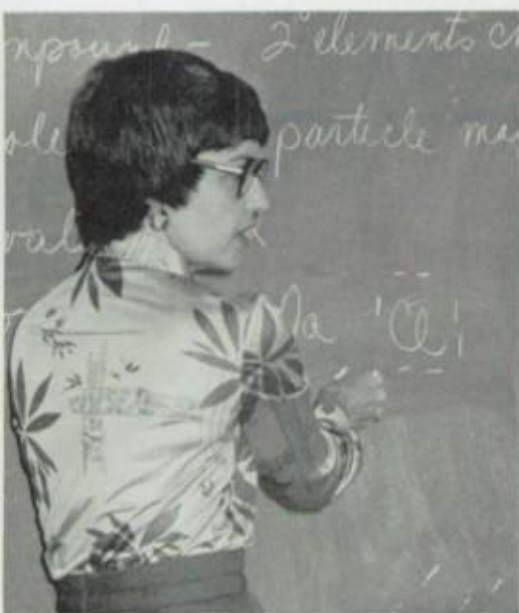
Mr. Walter Dunn—Social Studies; B.A., Ouachita College; M. Ed., NLU; Key Club and Senior Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Anita Fleming—Math; B.A., NSU; B.S. and M. Ed., NLU; Cheerleader Sponsor.





# True Mustang Spirit



Mrs. Agnes Golson—Chemistry, Biology; B.S., LSU.  
Mrs. Barbara Lassiter—Jr. High Language Arts; B.A. and M.Ed., NLU; Jr. High Cheerleader Sponsor.  
Mrs. Adele Ransom—Jr. High Science; B.A., LSU.



Coach Tim Richmond—Assistant Varsity Football Coach; Boys' Health, P.E.; B.S., NLU.  
Mrs. Linda Robertson—English III, Speech; B.A. and M.A., +30, NSU.  
Mrs. Myra Rowe—English; B.A., Southern State of Arkansas; M.A., NLU.



Mrs. Joan Schmidt—Mechanical Drawing; B.F.A., M.S., University of Tennessee.  
Mrs. Mary Dale Scoggins—Girls' P.E., Health; B.S. and M.Ed., NLU; Girls' Basketball Coach.  
Mrs. Ana Sigler—Spanish; B.A., M.A., LSU; Spanish Club Sponsor.



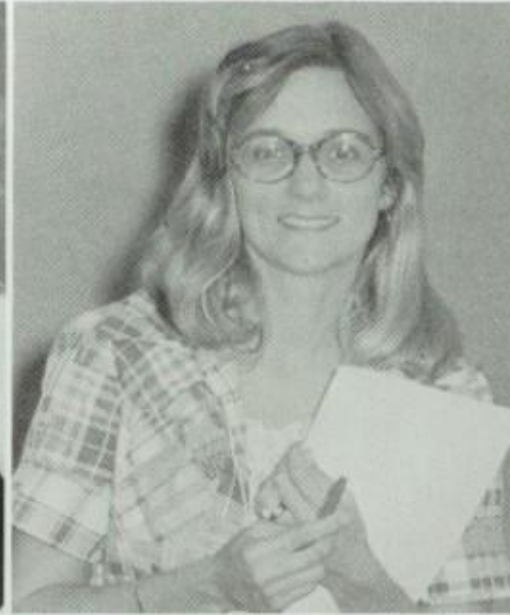
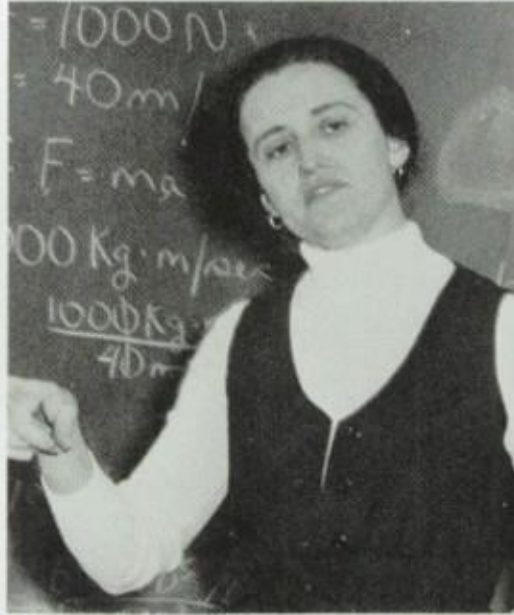
Mrs. Gay Cole Stueart—High School and Elementary Art; B.A., La Tech; Art Club Sponsor.  
Coach Harlan Tanner—Boys' P.E., Driver's Ed.; B.S., M.Ed., NLU; Head Basketball Coach and Assistant Varsity and Fr. High Football Coach.  
Mr. William Taylor—Band; B.M.E. and M.M.E., University of Arkansas.



# An Experienced Faculty

Mrs. Tommie Thackston—Geometry, Physics; B.S., University of Tennessee; M.A., East Tennessee State University.

Mrs. Cynthia Tripp—English, La. History; B.A. and M.A., NLU.  
Mrs. Donna Underwood—English, Journalism; B.A., SLU; M.Ed., NLU; PONY EXPRESS and SILVER SPUR Sponsor.



Mrs. Peggy Underwood—Developmental Reading; B.S., La. College.

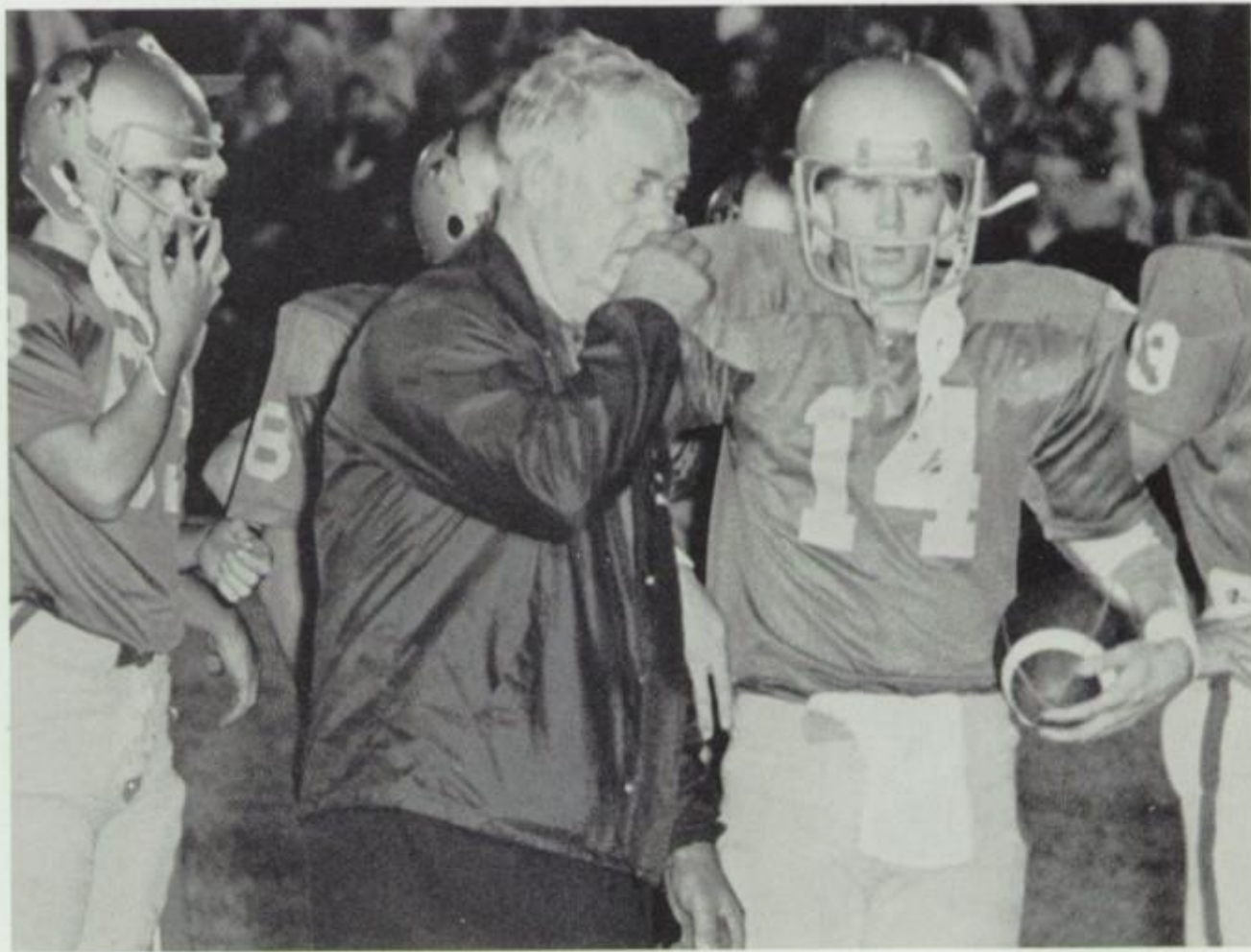
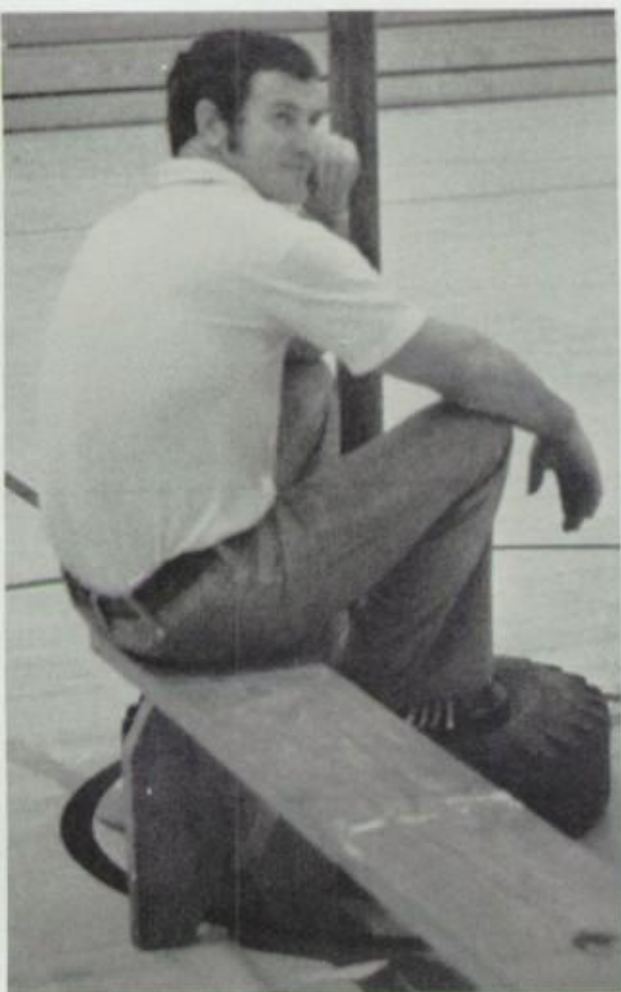
Mrs. Jean Vines—Elementary French; B.A., NLU.

Mrs. Tina Williamson—Secretary.





# Inspires Academic Achievement





# Seniors: The

Mark Bodron: Speech Club 3; Key Club 2,3,4; Parliamentarian 3, President 4; Art Club 2,3; French Club 4; Spanish Club 2; Student Council 4; Tennis Team 2.  
Lane Brothers: Speech Club 4; Art Club 4; French Club 3.  
Bert Durrett: Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 4; Interact Club 2,3,4; Art Club 3; Football 2,3,4, All-District 4, Hon. Mention 2.



Bridget Edwards: Speech Club 3; Art Club 4; Business Club 3; Spanish Club 1,2; Student Council 1.  
David Ellis: Key Club 2,3,4, Junior Representative 3, Senior Representative 4; Art Club 2; Tennis Team 2,3,4.  
John Fox: Yearbook Staff 4; Key Club 2,3,4; Business Club 3; Spanish Club 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4, All-District 3; Baseball 2,3,4.



Dave Garrett: Yearbook Staff 2,3,4, Photographer 2,3,4; Speech Club 3; Interact Club 2,3; Student Council 2; Track 4; Senior History Award; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.  
Dan George: Interact Club 3,4, President 4; Art Club 2,3; Student Council 4; Parliamentarian 4; Football 3,4; Baseball 3,4; Favorite 3; Friendliest.  
Giles Gober: Band 1,3,4; Football 1,3,4.



Kay Godfrey: Cheerleader 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Key Club Sweetheart 4; Interact Club Sweetheart 2,3; Art Club 1,2,3,4; President 4; Interclub Council 4; Homecoming Queen; Beauty.  
Jimmy Greenbaum: Yearbook Staff 3; Photographer 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Key Club 3,4, President 3; French Club 3; Student Council 3,4, President 4; Tennis Team 3; Hon. Mention Student 3; Rally 3,4; Interclub Council 3,4; Most Likely to Succeed; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.  
Ronnie Hubbard: Key Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Hon. Mention Student 3; American Legion Award; Walter J. Pierron, Sr., Science Award; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.





# Spirit of '76



Amanda Hudson: Cheerleader 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3, Secretary 3; Business Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Student Council 3.

Debbie Jones: Pony Express Staff 4; Art Club 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1; Favorite 3; Wittiest.

Polly Jones: Yearbook Staff 4; Speech Club 3; French Club 4; Tennis Team 4.



Bill Land: Pony Express Staff 4; Key Club 3,4; Art Club 4.

Gracie Land: Business Club 3,4; French Club 3,4.

Desha Lanier: Cheerleader 4; Business Club 3,4; Pony Express Staff 4; Interact Club Sweetheart 3,4; Spanish Club 2, Most School Spirit.



Kathy Ledoux: Cheerleader 3; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Key Club Sweetheart 3,4; Business Club 2,4; Art Club 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 1,2,3; Favorite 1,2; Flirt.

Allen McCarter: Speech Club 4; Interact Club 3; Art Club 3,4; French Club 2; Football 1,2,4; Handsome.

Debbie McDaniel: Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 1,2,3; Business Club 3,4, Treasurer 4; Spanish Club 1,2; Student Council 2; Rally 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Most Likely to Succeed; Girls' State; Co-Valedictorian; American Legion Award; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.



Dee McDonald: Cheerleader 1,2; Speech Club 3; Business Club 3,4, President 4; Art Club 2; French Club 4, Secretary 4; Interact Club Sweetheart 1,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Student Council 3, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Delegate to Student Council Convention 3; Interclub Council 4; Miss River Oaks; Friendliest; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.

Olive Montgomery: Sundance Kids 3,4; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 4, President 4; Art Club 2; French Club 1; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Interclub Council 4.

Mike Neal: Yearbook Staff 4; Key Club 2,3,4, Secretary-Treasurer 2,3, Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Business Club 2,4; Art Club 3; French Club 2,3,4, President 2,3; Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Student Council 2,3,4, Vice-President 4; Interclub Council 3,4, President 4, Treasurer 3; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Baseball 2,3,4, All-District 2,3; All-State 3; Most Athletic.

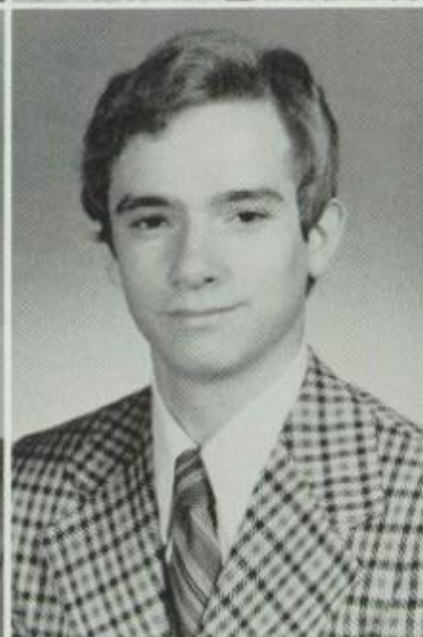
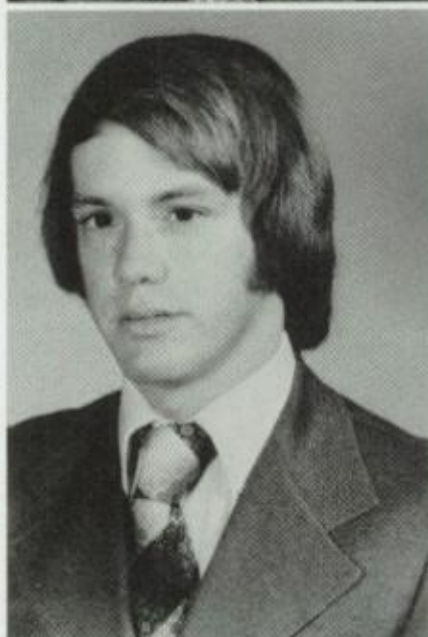


# Seniors Take 1st Place

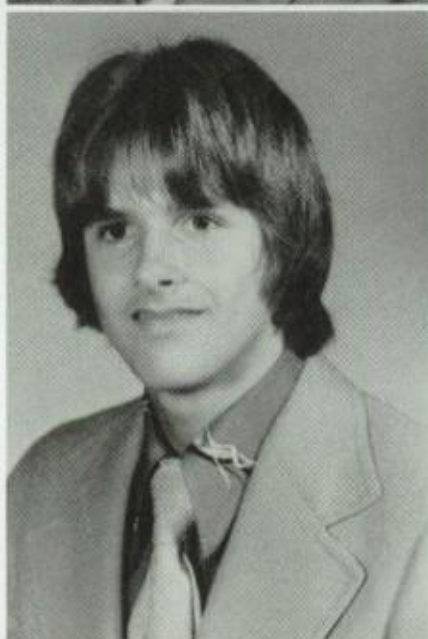
Ramsey Ogg: Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Key Club 3,4; French Club 1,2; Student Council 2,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Rally; DAR American History Award; Boys' State; Mr. River Oaks; Scottish Rites Masonry Award; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.  
 Polly Passman: Cheerleader 1; Sundance Kids 3; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Business Club 3; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 1.  
 Cathie Primos: Art Club 3; Speech Club 3.



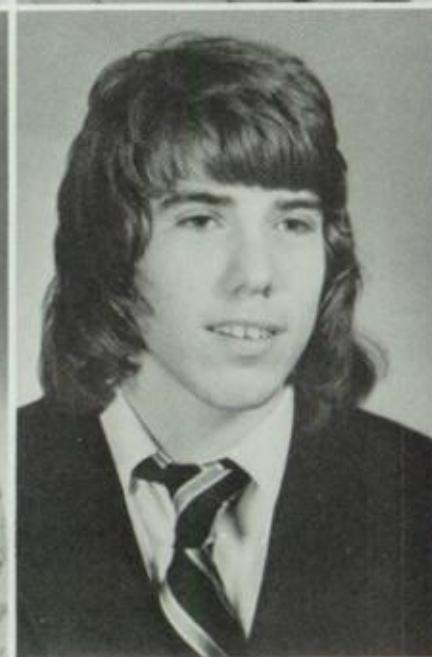
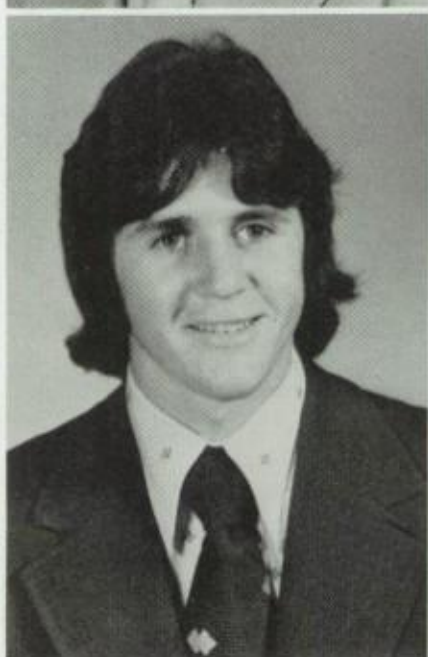
Mark Rainwater: Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3,4; Interact Club 2,3,4, President 3; French Club 2; Interclub Council 3; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,4; Baseball 3; Golf 4; Track 4; Speech Festival 3,4.  
 Tim Rich: French Club 4; Rally.  
 Mark Rogers: Speech Club 3; Key Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 1,2; Football 1,2; Speech Rally; Most Talented.



Bill Ryan: Yearbook Staff 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Art Club 3; Spanish Club 3,4.  
 Mossy Sartor: Sundance Kids 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 3,4; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4, Co-Editor 3, Editor 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4, Secretary 2, Vice-President 3,4; Student Council 2,3,4, Historian 3; Interclub Council 3,4, Vice-President 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Rally 1,2,3,4; Girls' State; Delegate to Student Council Convention 2,3,4; DAR Good Citizenship Award; Most Talented; Pilot Club Service Award; Co-Valedictorian; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.  
 Robert Stone: Band 2,3,4; Interact Club 2,3,4; Rally 2,3,4; "B" Average 1,2,3,4.

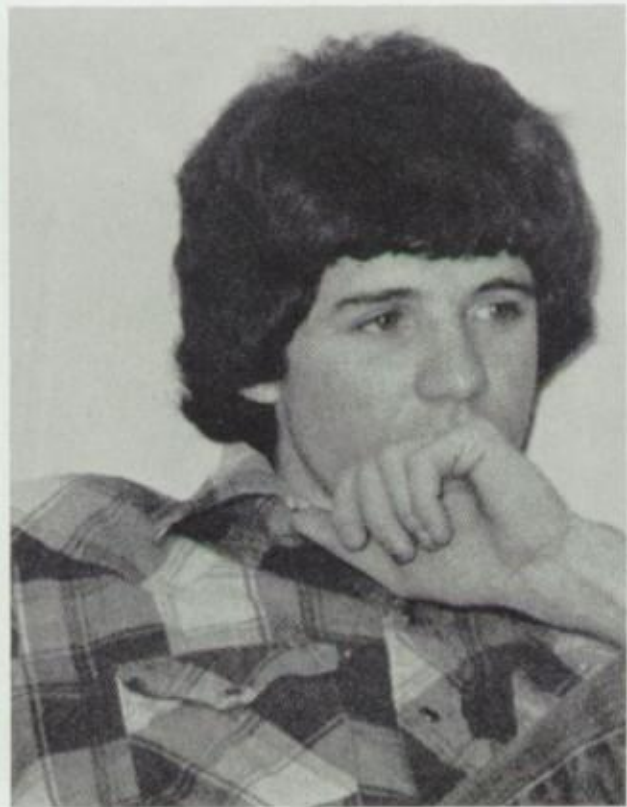


Curt Walker: Speech Club 3; Interact Club 2,3,4, Sergeant-at-Arms 2, Treasurer 3; Art Club 3, Vice-President 3; Student Council 2,3, Vice-President 3; Football 2,3,4, Captain 4, All-District Hon. Mention 4; Baseball 2,3; Track 4; Favorite 2; Heartbreak.  
 Sandy White: Yearbook Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Business Club 3,4.  
 Hall Winters: Speech Club 1,2,3,4, President 3; Key Club 2,3,4; Art Club 2,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4, All-District 4, All-Star Game 4; Baseball 2,3,4, All-District 3,4; Wittiest.





# In Homecoming Competition





# Juniors Anticipate 1977

Mark Addison  
Scott Anderson  
Susan Anderson  
Ellen Boatright  
Suzette Boozer  
Scott Brandle



Edward Brennen  
Melanie Buller  
Elizabeth Cookston  
Henson Coon  
Edwin Craft  
Anne Desha



Stephanie Dorrah  
Mike Easterling  
Teresa Elias  
Kip Gates  
Brenda George  
Randy Gilley



Bo Godfrey  
Shirley Hakim  
Herbert Hobgood  
Susan Hudson  
Morris Inabnet  
Lisa Kelso



Bill Loftin  
Chuck McBride  
Jeff McBride  
Stacy McCrocklin  
Dean Phillips  
Richard Pipes



Kathleen Redman  
Donald Reeves  
Martha Rich  
Mary Roberson  
Lamar Rogers  
Dorothy Sartor



Beth Sigler  
Kathy Sigler  
Lynda Simpson  
Clara Smith  
Jon Somsen  
Mark Ulrich





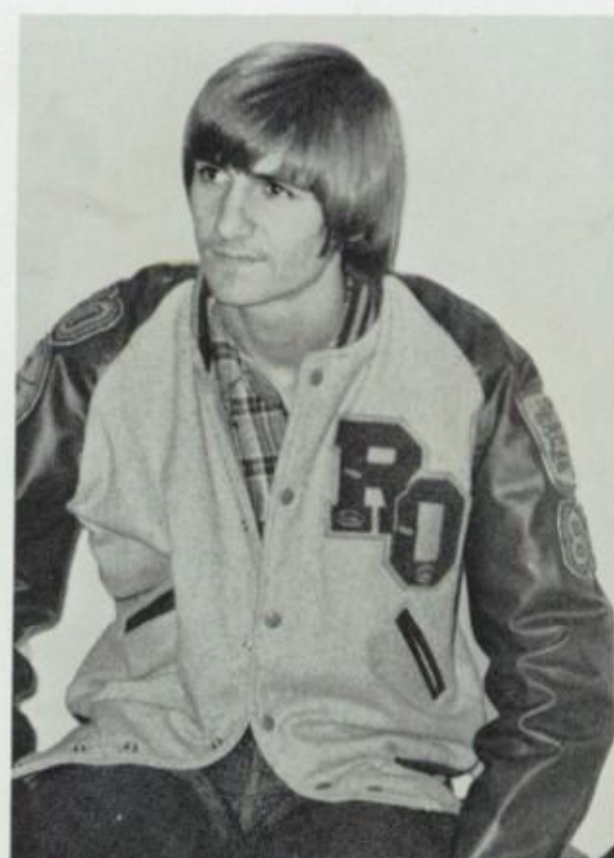
# And Sweat Over Jr.-Sr. Prom



Larry Walker  
Roy Wall  
Troy Watters  
Lee Webster  
Randy Wells  
Robert Williams



Martha Winters  
Donese Worden



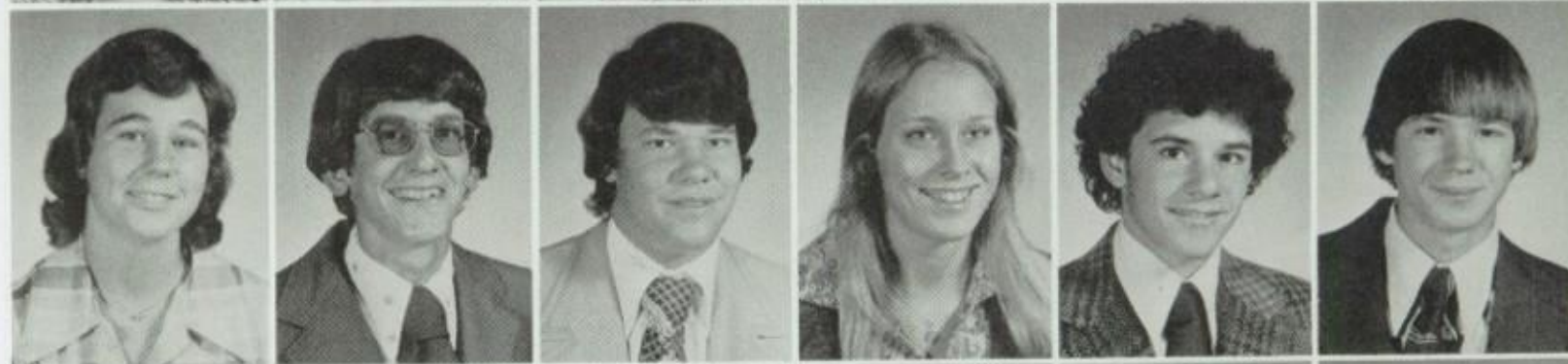


# Sophomores Float

Jane Adams  
Lisa Beason  
Mil Bodron  
Rookh Brothers  
Stephen Brown  
Rod Cascio



Leslie Cook  
Lan Craft  
Richard Crowe  
Sharon Cruse  
Andy Davidson  
Mike Douglas



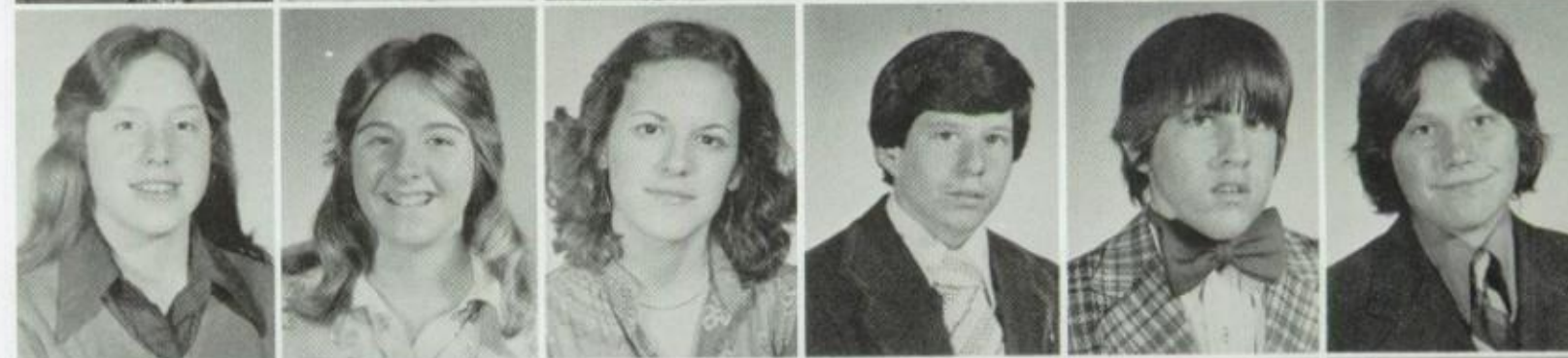
Paul Dulaney  
Lisa Files  
Janet Fleming  
Jamie Fox  
Leighanne Geisler  
Richard Guerriero



Reace Harrison  
Kim Hope  
Fran Jagoditsh  
Toni Lamb  
Lynn Lassiter  
Paige Ledoux



Kay Loflin  
Dana Marrs  
Leslie McCants  
Bernard McKenzie  
Bill Mahaffey  
Kurt Merriman



Joy Miller  
Mac Oakley  
Pattie Primos  
Dawn Rivers  
Tommy Russell  
Patti Savage

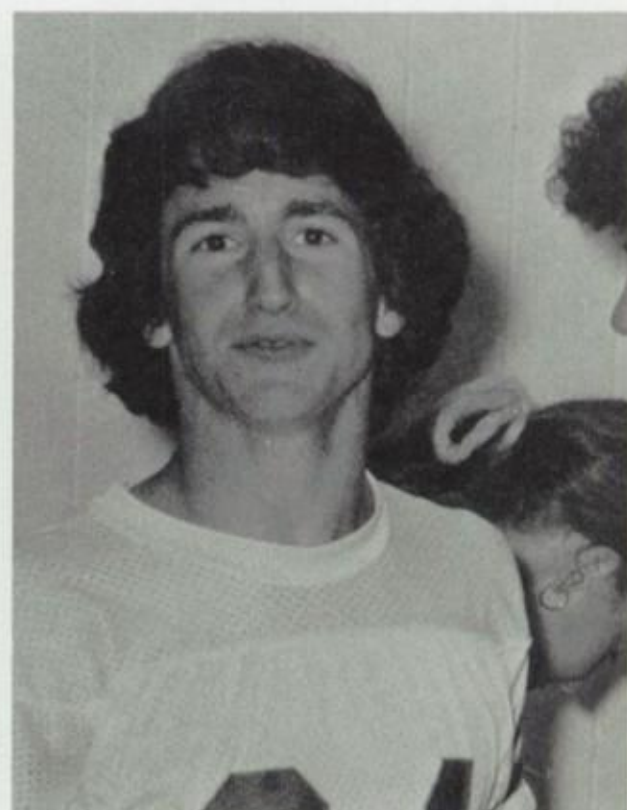


Monisa Thompson  
Bryan Tucker  
Tom Vreeland  
Wendy Worthen  
Grayson Zeagler





# Takes 3rd Place





# Freshmen Enter High School

Ormond Altick  
Robin Bailey  
Jim Bell  
Edel Blanks  
Junior Bonner



Bonnie Brennen  
Lisa Butler  
Laura Cage  
Ellen Cole  
Leslie Cudd



Kevin Edwards  
Betsy Ellis  
Gerald Gates  
Julie Gates  
Stewart Gentry



Ceci Grant  
Cliff Greenbaum  
Brooks Hamaker  
Robert Keeling  
Nancy Kelso



Kerry Kilpatrick  
Woody Ledbetter  
Karen Ledoux  
Richard Lee  
Bruce Lonsberry



Wayne McDaniel  
Ainslee McDonald  
Todd Mahaffey  
Madelyn Marchman  
Mickey Masur



Blanche Mattison  
Liz Montgomery  
Layne Morgan  
Chip Norman  
Tara Rodden



Chuck's  
girlfriend



# With Fiery Mustang Spirit



Terri Rosenberg  
Elizabeth Sartor  
Sallie Shafto  
Catherine Shemwell  
Colby Sheppard

Joe Simpson  
David Smith  
Vernon Stevenson  
Jeff Thackston  
Lea Thompson

Sharon Wall  
Donna Warner  
Lisa Webster  
Cindy Williams  
Ford Williams

Tim Williams  
Catherine Winters  
Jimmy Wooldridge  
Bobbie Wyatt  
Tim Vines





# Eighth Graders Look Forward

Brad Armintor  
Bob Bell  
Priscilla Brown  
Leighanne Buller  
Toni Campbell  
Shelly Cook



Bobby Craighead  
Tom Dansby  
Larry Dorris  
Danelle Dupree  
Claire Durrett  
Anne Files



Leslie Files  
Cindy Fomby  
Trey Gates  
Lynn Godfrey  
Mark Gray  
Kelly Green



Shannon Green  
Gil Guerriero  
Jeff Guerriero  
Kendra Hardy  
Stewart Harrison  
Cheryl Impson



Donald Jones  
Derek Kennedy  
Sarah Lane  
Lynne Laney  
Walter Ligon  
Chris McHenry



Penny Masur  
Marguerite Martin  
Cara Medley  
Dawn Mickey  
Sally Mintz  
Susan Morse



Boyd Padgett  
Gwen Parker  
Clay Petrus  
Jackie Petrus  
Fred Petty  
Melanie Pierron





# To ONLY Four More Years



Randy Pipes  
Quincie Rivers  
Ray Rivers  
Lori Rizzo  
Sue Redman  
Katherine Ryan

Ryan Sartor  
Will Sartor  
Don Scott  
Louise Seymour  
Ansel Smith  
Billy Smith

Vikki Southern  
Mary Stewart  
Margo Tennis  
Chuck Thackston  
Keith Thomas  
Kyle Thrasher

Libby Tirmenstein  
Mary Walker  
Jay Wallace  
Missy Webb  
Linda Wolff  
Eric Worthen





# 7th Graders Work Hard in

Jennifer Abraugh  
Kristen Anderson  
Susie Arnold  
Norman Bagwell  
Tish Bailey



Scott Bradford  
Stuart Brown  
Mary Buffington  
Mike Cage  
Todd Carter



Amanda Caskey  
Alison Choate  
Linda Cudd  
Tommy Curry  
Stephen Gates



Mary Flo Geisler  
Kaye Guin  
Tom Hamaker  
Colleen Hammock  
Paul Harrop



Todd Hindmon  
Sherry Hubbard  
Lisa Illing  
Ann Irby  
Lee Jenkins



DeLyn LaFrance  
Margaret Marshall  
Naomi McCrocklin  
Sally McGregor  
Nancy Lary





# First Year of Junior High



Katherine Lauve  
Scott Ledoux  
Jay Miller  
Leigh Myrick  
Kim Norman



Daran Reeves  
Lori Rubin  
Ron Shemwell  
Roy Shotwell  
Gay Southern



Shannon Spooner  
Travis Squyres  
Beth Stewart  
Pete Trinca  
Andrea Weak



Kelly White  
Renee Winegeart  
Stephens Winters  
Marcia Wolff  
Morgan Wyatt





# Sixth Graders Utilize



Mrs. McMickle



First row: Laura Petty, Brenda Douglas, Pam Johananoff, Laurie Brown. Second row: Charlie Jones, Kendall Lanningham, David Marchman, Charles Rosamond, Mike Stinson. Third row: Beverly Lingle, Martha Hayden, Shelly Mulhearn, Polly Shotwell.



# Reading Laboratory Materials



Mrs. Pipes



First row: Wes Shafto, Paul Farmer, Thomas Sartor, Troy McCullen. Second row: Torrey Vail, Karen Smith, Lisa Davidson, Maurie Walker, Heather Woods. Third row: Tanya Sallee, Suzanne Mahaffey, Caroline Carter, Linda McMickle.



# Fifth Graders Generate



First row: John Lydick, Brett Armintor, Charles Whitaker, Dickie Culpepper. Second row: Lauren Crowe, Blair Cudd, Melissa Parker, Susan Illing, Ann Harrop, Gretchen Guerriero, Robin Rivers.



Mrs. Hurley





# Enthusiasm at RO Pep Meetings



First row: Walter Sartor, Shep Montgomery, Joey Cleveland, Jon Bradford, Michael Cummings. Second row: Sarah Jones, Ann Elizabeth Ware, Cheryl Parker, Julie Abraugh, Sarah Green, Sharon Funderburk.



Mrs. Sumlin



# Fourth Grade Enters Second



Mrs. Brantly



Third row: Julie Johnson, Joby Ledoux, Jennifer Carlton, John Mitchell, Jessica Kleppinger. Second row: Cynthia Bailey, Susan Gates, Julie Laudenheimer, Elizabeth Cage, Amy King, First row: Travis Edwards, Doug Norman, Jack McCants, Jay Davis.



# Half of Elementary



Mrs. Brennen



First row: Billy Ellis, Leslie Petrus, Neville Shafto, Kim Deveny. Second row: Clay Lassiter, Rob Stewart, Clint Thompson, David Vines, Jim Culpepper. Third row: Chardelle Weaks, Suzie Kelling, Cindy Bradley, Lesley Trinca, Cynthia LaFrance.



# Students Avoid Mr. Hammock's Office



First row: Paul Tennis, Mike Hightower, Douglas Breau, Trey Kelse, Wesley Pipes. Second row: Stewart McMickle, Wes Brockman, Brian Turner, Jamie Cook, Nancy Files, Hallie Cleveland, Kim Thrasher. Third row: Debbie Keeling, Tracey Vail, Robin Irwin, Kristin Trinca, Caroline Winters, Anne Birdsong, Amanda Winters.



Mrs. Smith





# Second Grade Displays Mustang Power



First row: Will Hamacker, Danny McMillon, Butch Mulhearn, Darren Brantley, Jeffery Street. Second row: Jeff Davis, Karl Harrop, Jesse Heard, Cobb Morgan, Timothy Gates, Richard Ethridge. Third row: Susy Ellis, Carol Lanningham, Michelle Cummings, Amanda Cudd, Shannon Hindmon, Amy Petrus, Beth Jones, Eunice Bilang.



Mrs. Crowe



# First Graders Get 1st Taste of School



First row: Henry Weaks, Erick Bilang, Trevor McClanahan, John Loftin, Greg Chastain, Scott McMickle. Second row: Robert Lydick, Chris Culpepper, Cole Smelser, Todd Irwin, John David Cleveland, Warren LaFrance, Bret Tannehill. Third row: Lynn Jenkins, Chelsea Spooner, Marianna Mitchell, Michelle John, Beverly Edwards, Robbie Tirmenstein.



Mrs. Stewart







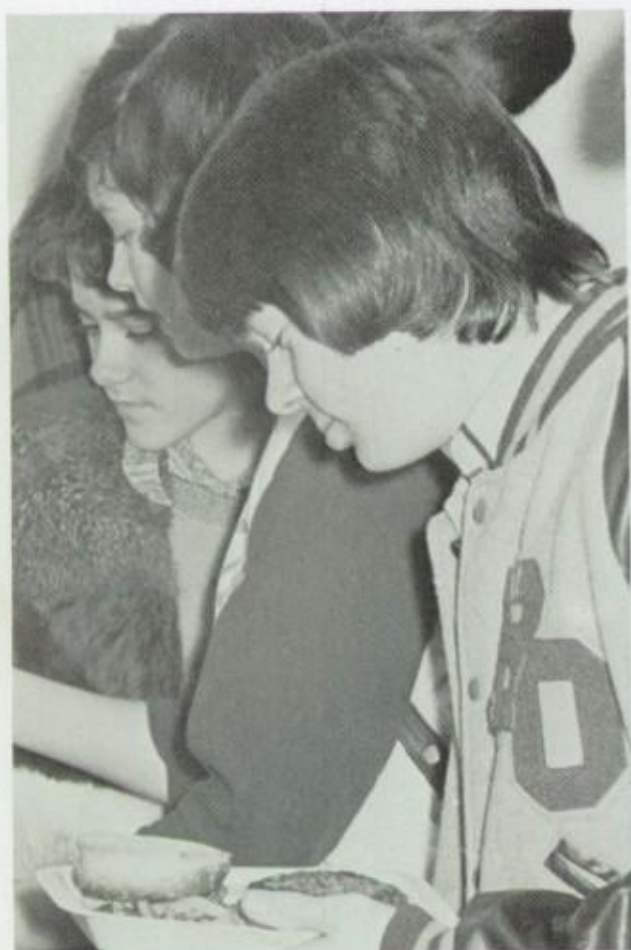
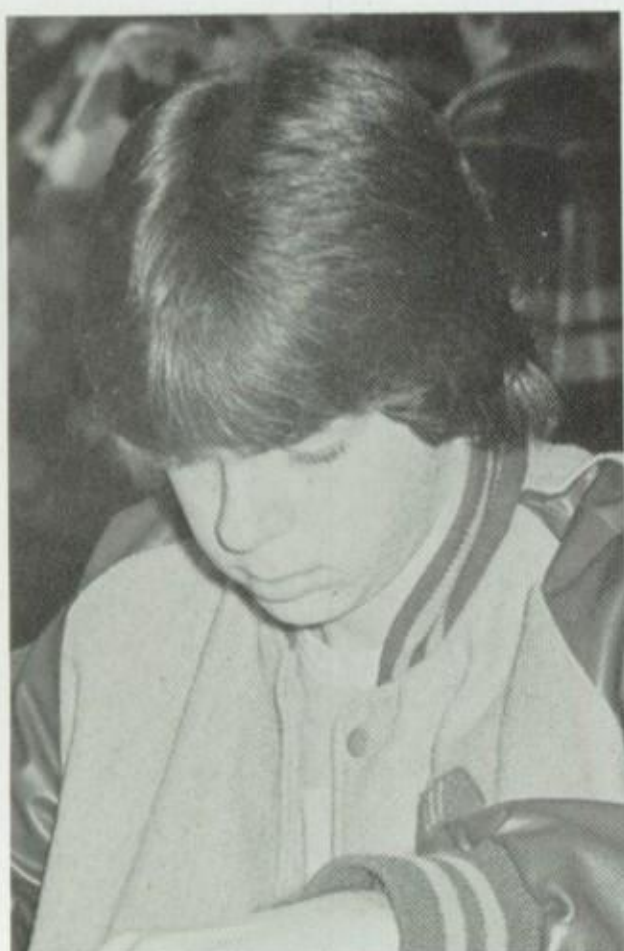
# Days of Being Unique





# Mr. River Oaks

Ramsey Ogg





# Miss River Oaks

Dee McDonald





**Beauty**

**Kay Godfrey**

**Handsome**

**Allen McCarter**







## Heartbreak

Curt Walker

## Flirt

Kathy Ledoux





Friendliest

I Love

Dee McDonald

Dan George

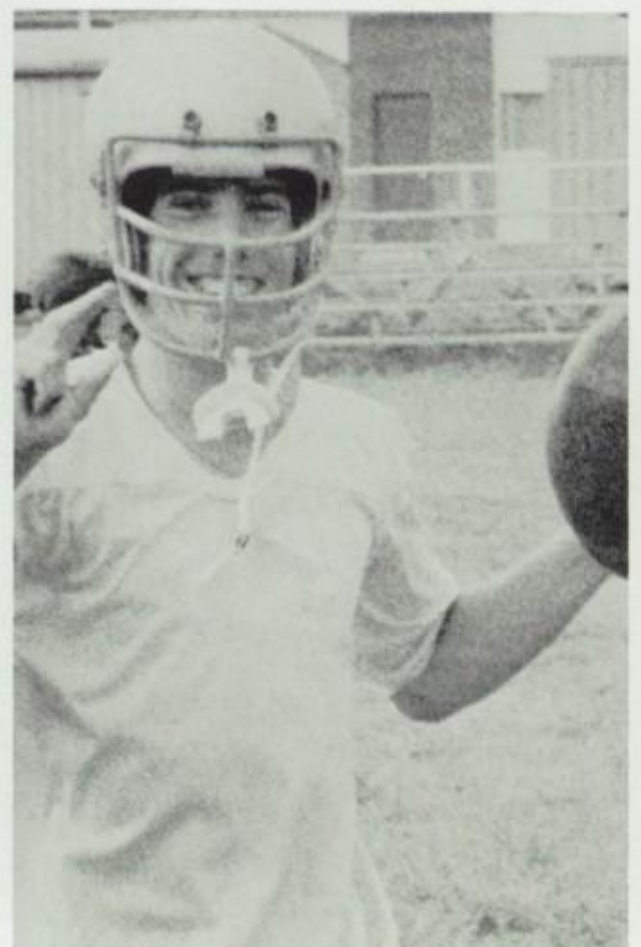






## Wittiest

**Debbie Jones  
Hall Winters**





# **Most Likely to Succeed**

**Debbie McDaniel  
Jimmy Greenbaum**





# Most Talented

Mossy Sartor   
Mark Rogers





**Most Athletic**

**Mike Neal**

**Most School**

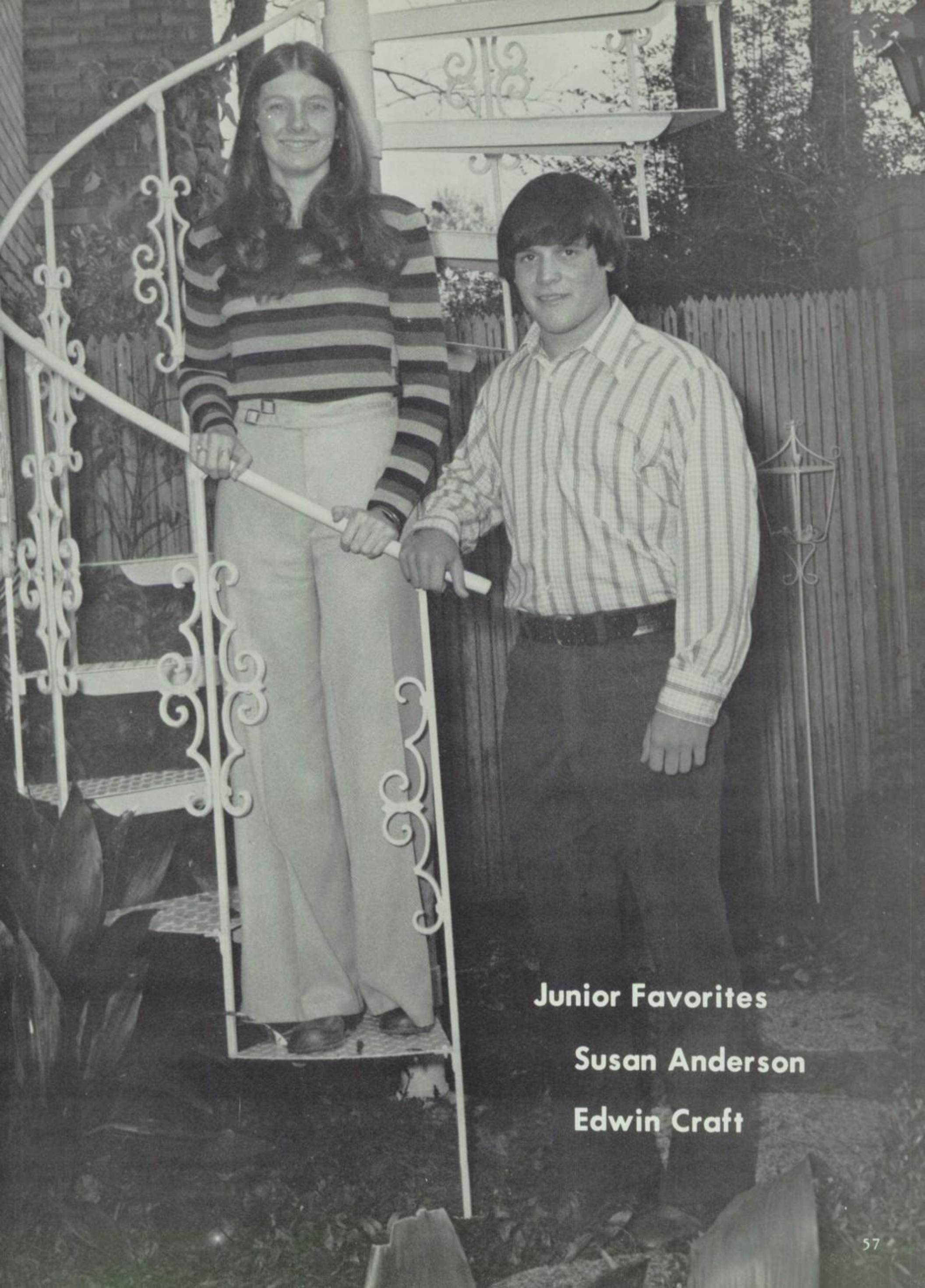
**Spirit**

**Desha Lanier**

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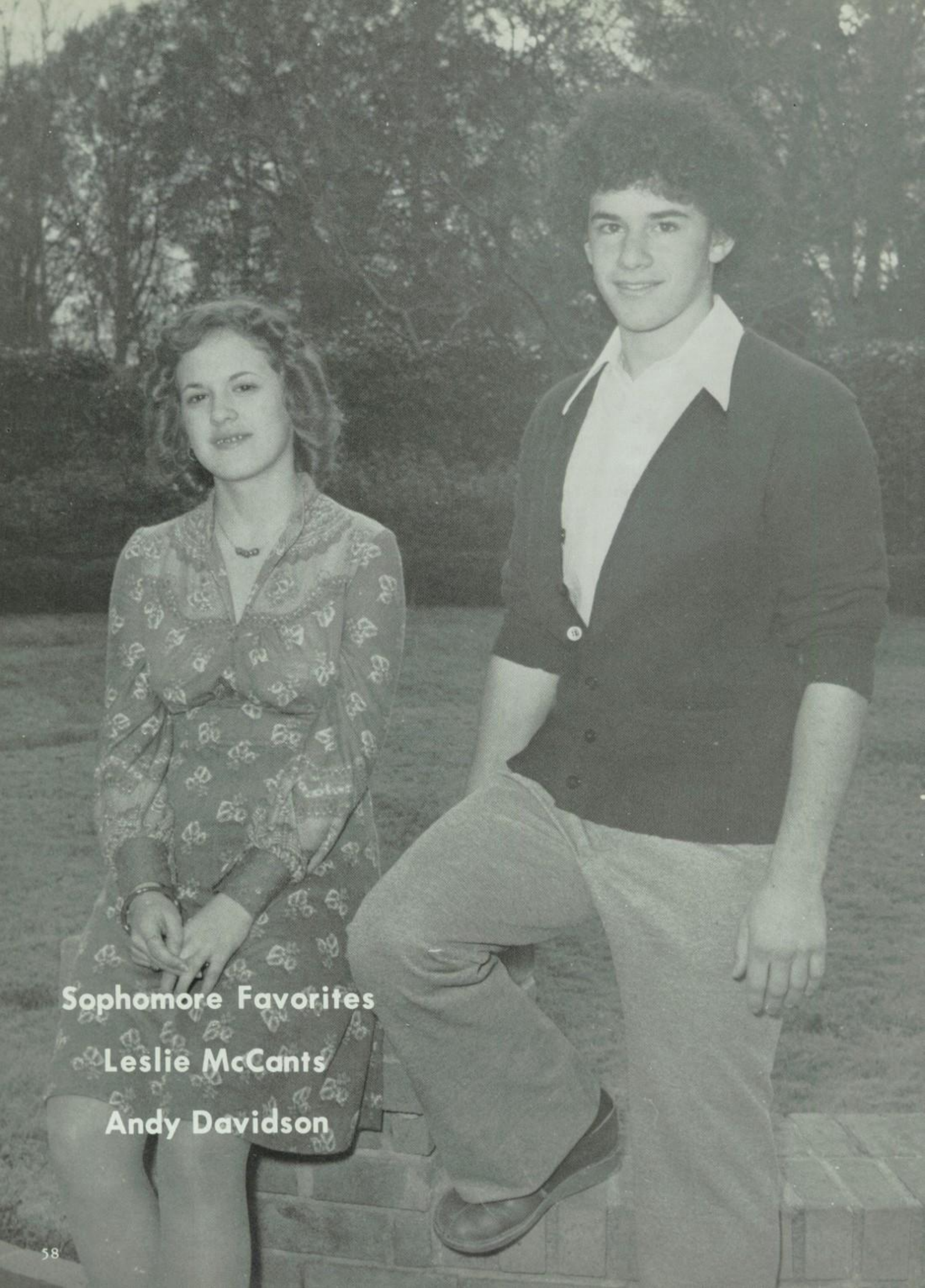


**Junior Favorites**

**Susan Anderson**

**Edwin Craft**



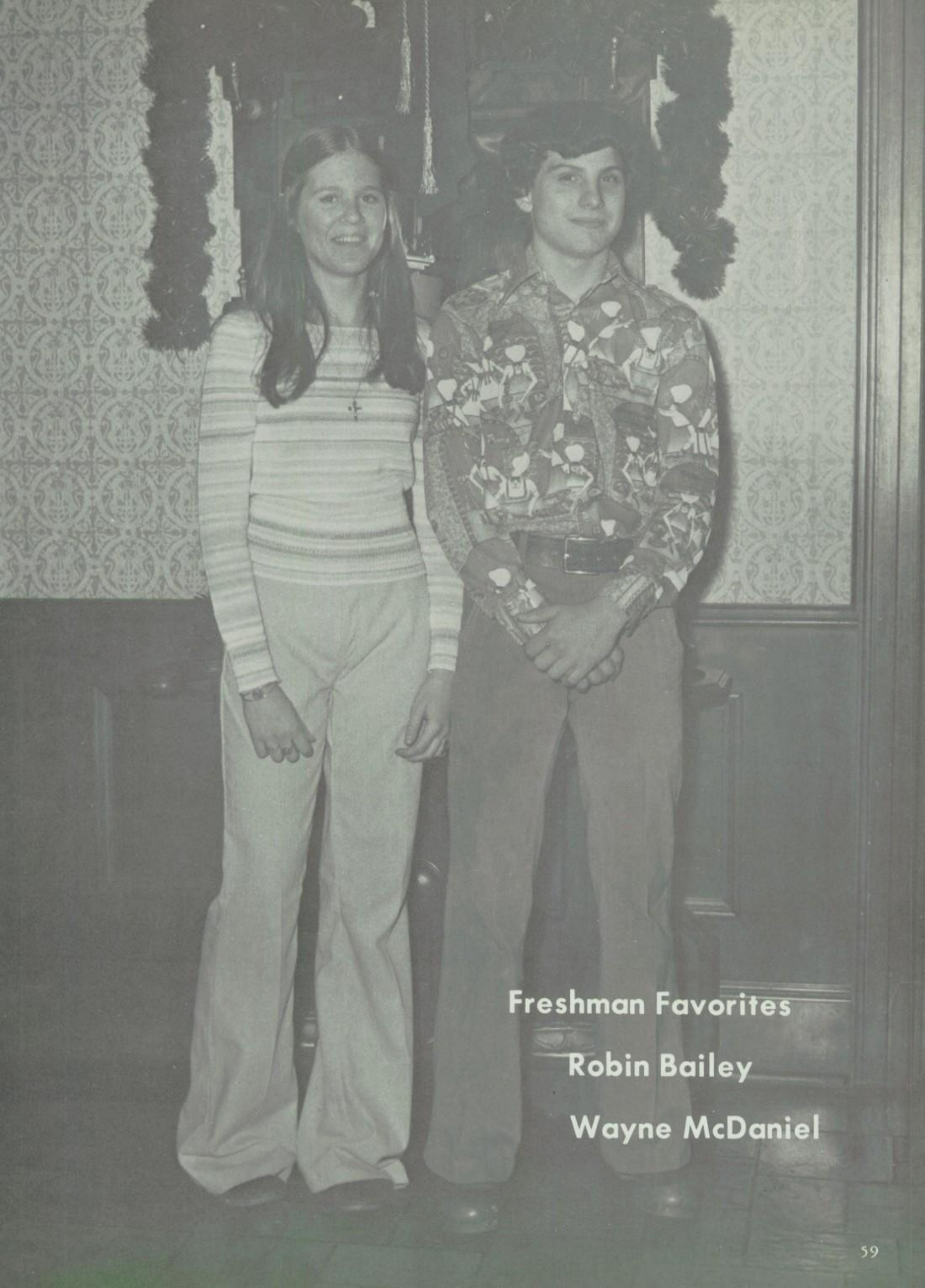


**Sophomore Favorites**

**Leslie McCants**

**Andy Davidson**



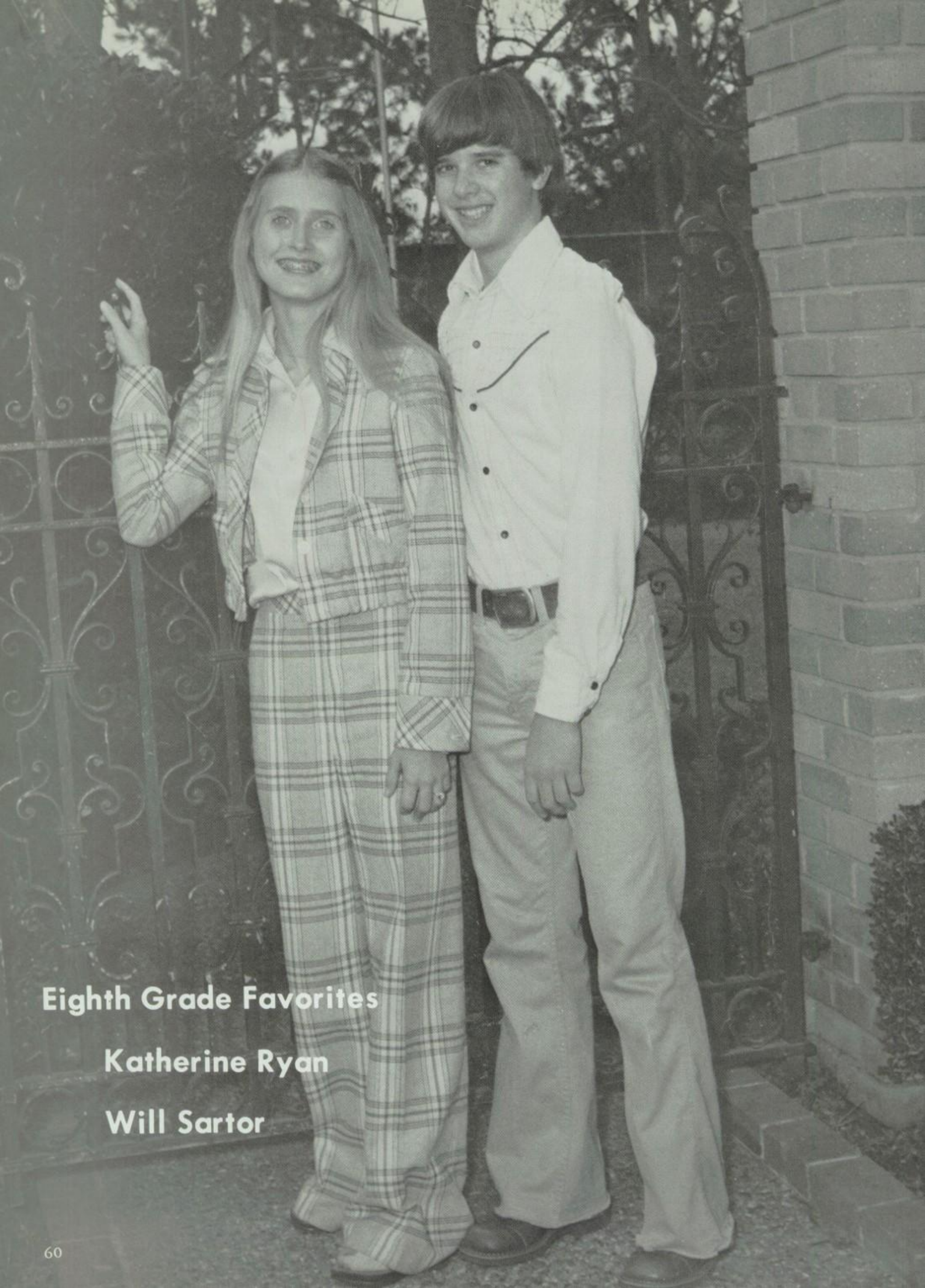


**Freshman Favorites**

**Robin Bailey**

**Wayne McDaniel**





**Eighth Grade Favorites**

**Katherine Ryan**

**Will Sartor**





**Seventh Grade Favorites**

**Ann Irby**

**Stephens Winters**









## Days of Being Ambitious





# Student Council Plans L. I. S. A. Meet



First row: Kay Lofin, Lea Thompson, Mary Roberson, Mossy Sartor, Bernard McKenzie, Stacy McCrocklin, Quincie Rivers, Jennifer Abraugh. Second row: David Smith, Missy Webb, Mil Bodron, Kendra Hardy, Derrick Kennedy, Beth Stewart Tom Dansby, Lisa Illing, Ann Irby, Leslie Cudd. Third row: Jamie Fox, Dan George, Elizabeth Cookston, Mike Neal, Ramsey Ogg, Bear Ulrich, Lisa Kelso, Brooks Hamacker, Mark Bodron.

The River Oaks Student Council spent the first semester building itself into a successful, efficient organization. The following are some of the projects of the SC: creating an ice cream concession, printing and selling RO license plates and student directories, establishing a sound election process, organizing cake raffles at football games, selling pine straw, serving a spaghetti lunch, establishing an annual Christmas decorating contest, maintaining the pay telephone in the gym, and supporting Monroe's chapter of the March of Dimes.

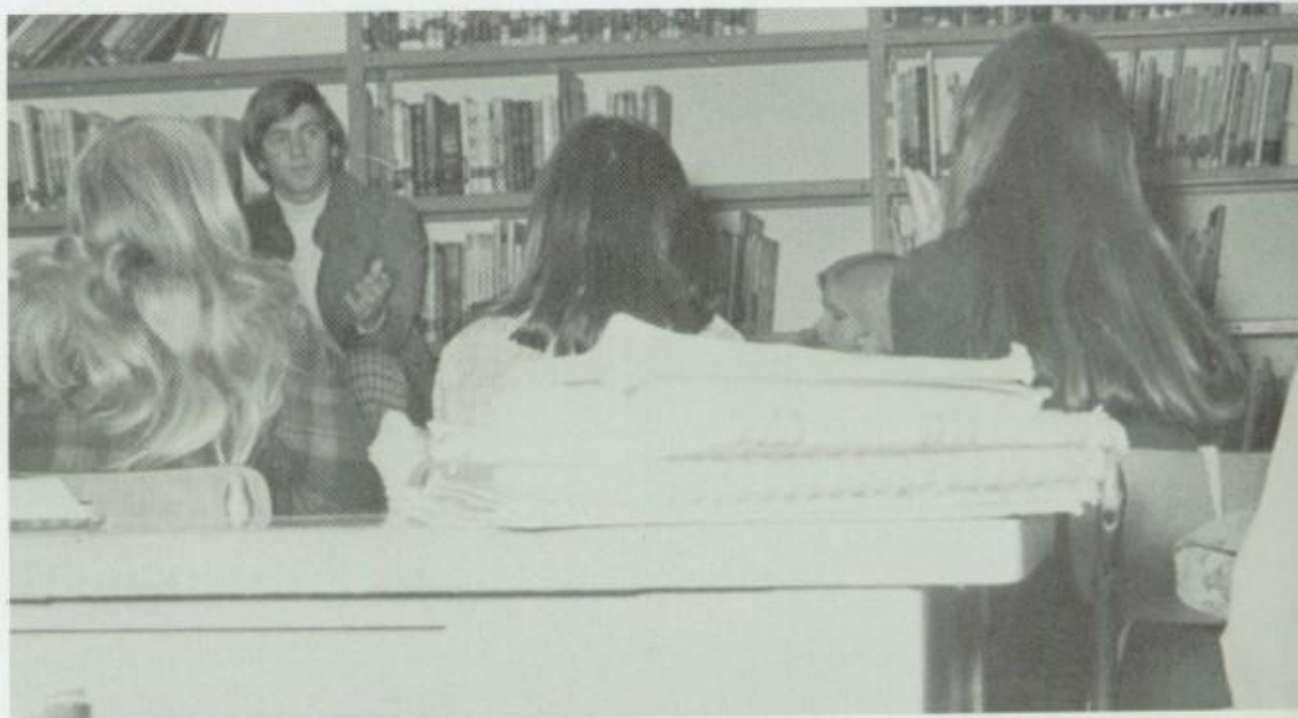
The Student Council also joined the Louisiana Association of Student Councils, the Southern Association of Student Councils, and the National Association of Student Councils. Delegates from River Oaks attended the conventions of all these organizations, which were held in Alexandria, La.; Moss Point, Miss.; and Atlanta, Ga.

The SC spent the major part of the second semester planning the L.I.S.A. Student Council Convention, which was held at RO, March 28-30. Much effort was put forth for the convention; and likewise, the convention was a great success.

Dr. Crowe and Mr. Hammock served as advisors for the Student Council after Mrs. Ransom retired from the organization after many years of hard work.



OFFICERS. First row: Historian Mary Roberson, Secretary-Treasurer Stacy McCrocklin, Reporter Elizabeth Cookston. Second row: Vice-President Mike Neal, President Jimmy Greenbaum, Parliamentarian Dan George.





# Interclub Council Established In '76



The Interclub Council was organized this year to create unity among all student organizations at River Oaks. Presidents of the various clubs served as members of the council. The council, with the Student Council, supervised the re-writing of each club's constitution. Plans were also made to help the Student Council with the 1976 L.I.S.A. Student Council Convention.

Officers were Mike Neal, president; Dan George, vice-president; and Mossy Sartor, secretary. Other members were Susan Anderson, Spanish Club; Mark Bodron, Key Club; Kay Godfrey, Art Club; Jimmy Greenbaum, Student Council; Stacy McCrocklin, French Club; Dee McDonald, Business Club; Olive Montgomery, Speech; and Bear Ulrich, Band.



# Interact Club Reacts Patriotically



The Interact Club's projects for 1975-76 included selling bumper stickers and selling cardboard stadium seats at muddy football games. The club functions as a service organization to the school and community. It is sponsored by the Monroe Rotary Club.

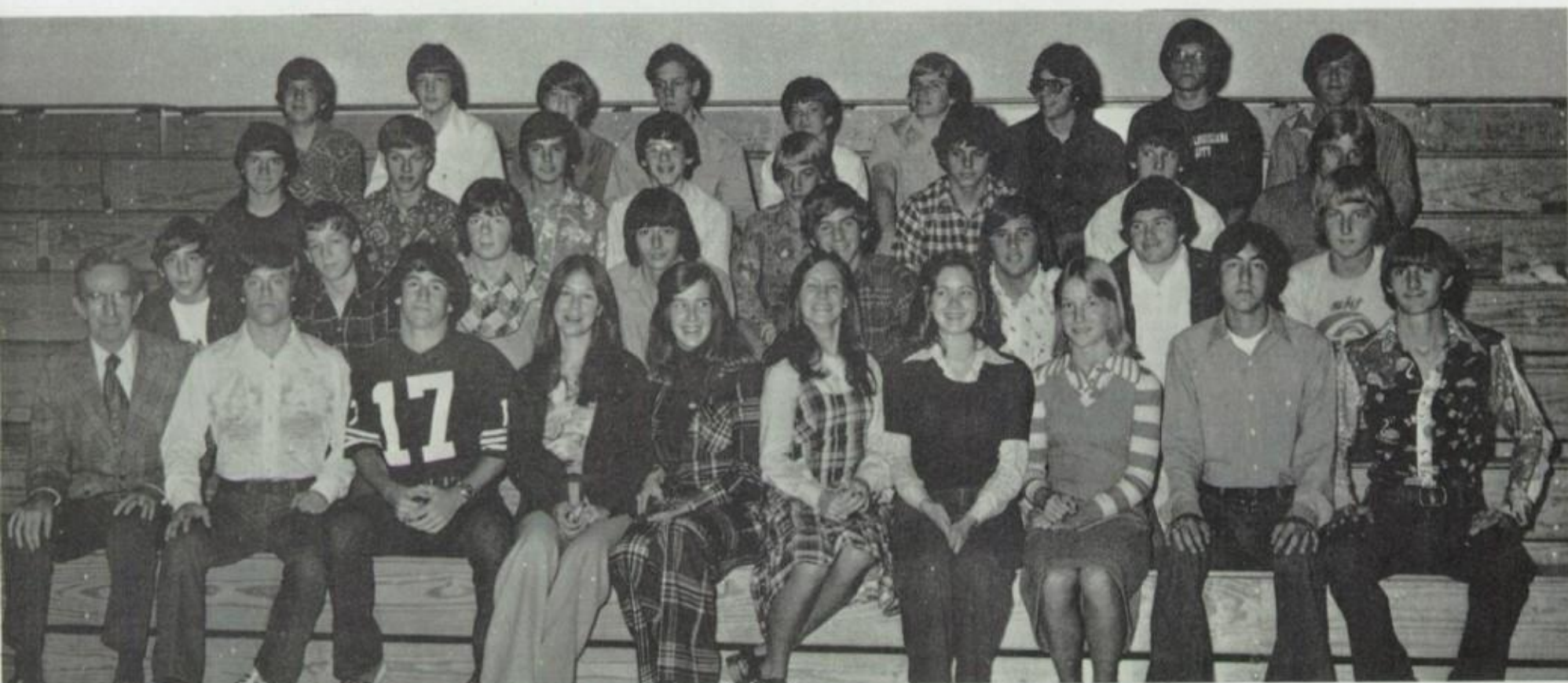
Officers for the year were President Dan George, Vice-President Scott Anderson, Secretary Scott Brandle, and Treasurer Bernard McKenzie. The club's sponsor was Coach Richmond.



First row: Stacy McCrocklin, Allen McCarter, Dee McDonald, Scott Brandle, Desha Lanier, Dan George, Martha Winters, Donald Reeves, Edwin Craft, Jimmy Wooldridge. Second row: Henson Coon, Mark Ulrich, Richard Pipes, Scott Anderson, Curt Walker, Mike Easterling, Burt Durrett, Mark Rainwater, Troy Watters. Third row: Roy Wall, Morris Inabnet, Steven Brown, Bernard McKenzie, Richard Lee, Wayne McDaniel, Stewart Gentry, Colby Sheppard, Kevin Edwards, Kip Gates. Fourth row: Tim Williams, Forrest McCarter, Woody Ledbetter, Todd Mahaffey, Andy Davidson, Brooks Hamacker, Joe Simpson, Ford Williams, Bo Godfrey, Terry Culver.



# Key Club Helps RO, Helps Monroe



First row: Mr. Dunn, John Fox, Mike Neal, Kathy Ledoux, Kay Godfrey, Wendy Worthen, Susan Hudson, Lea Thompson, Mark Bodron, Kip Gates. Second row: Jim Bell, Edel Blanks, Ramsey Ogg, Mark Rogers, Jimmy Greenbaum, Ronnie Hubbard, David Ellis, Bill Land. Third row: Tim Vines, Jamie Fox, Mil Bedron, Cliff Greenbaum, Micky Masur, Richard Guerriero, Mac Oakley, Dean Phillips. Fourth row: Robert Keeling, Gerald Gates, Chip Norman, Rod Cascio, David Smith, Bill Loftin, Mark Addison, Lamar Rogers, Jon Somsen.



Officers and sweethearts.



The aims of the River Oaks' Key Club are to develop initiative and leadership, to provide experience in working together, to prepare one for useful citizenship. The organization strives to promote the following ideas: to give primacy to the human and spiritual values in life, to promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship and sportsmanship; to develop a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship, to provide a practical means of forming enduring friendships, and to render service in helping to build better communities.

Officers for the year were Mark Bodron, president; Mark Addison, vice-president; Ramsey Ogg, secretary-treasurer; David Ellis, 12th grade representative; Bill Loftin, 11th grade representative, Jamie Fox, 10th grade representative; and Edel Blanks, 9th grade representative.

Projects included cleaning up the stands after football games, cleaning up the grounds in front of the school for Homecoming, helping with the Annual Camellia Show held at Central Bank, and helping the Student Council with its convention.



# French Club Prepares European Invasion

Le Cercle Francais is organized to promote an interest in the French culture, people, and their customs. The members of the club work to obtain a better understanding of other countries in the world, especially the French-speaking countries.

The club activities for 1975-76 included a home-made ice cream party to welcome the new members and the annual Christmas party during the fall semester. The remainder of the year, the members had a Mardi-Gras gumbo dinner, an outdoor barbeque, and a French dessert party. During May the club had its final banquet at the Bayou Desiard Country Club.



First row: President Stacy McCrocklin, Vice-President Lynda Simpson, Secretary Dee McDonald, Treasurer Brenda George. Second row: Mrs. Blanchard, sponsor; Ainslee McDonald, party chairman; Melanie Buller, party chairman; Bear Ulrich, parliamentarian.



First row: Lynda Simpson, Dee McDonald, Brenda George, Stacy McCrocklin, Mike Neal, Bear Ulrich, Scott Brandle, Robert Williams, Mrs. Blanchard. Second row: Dawn Rivers, Ainslee McDonald, Gracie Land, Melanie Buller, Richard Pipes, Polly Jones, Rookh Brothers, Leslie Cudd, Terri Rosenburg, Paul Dulaney. Third row: Todd Mahaffey, Tim Vines, Edel Blanks, Jeff Thackston, Vernon Stevenson, Joy Miller, Lisa Beason, Monisa Thompson, Jane Adams, Lan Craft. Fourth row: Jamie Fox, Jon Somsen, Gerald Gates, Mark Bodron, Tim Rich, Richard Guerriero, Andy Davidson, Roy Wall, Bill Mahaffey.





# Spanish Club Breaks Piñatas



Seated: Mossy Sartor, Elizabeth Cookston. First row: Mrs. Sigler, Kathy Sigler, Suzette Boozer, Martha Winters, Lisa Kelso, Susan Anderson, Anne Desha, Susan Hudson, Wendy Worthen, Lisa Files, Kay Loflin. Second row: Amanda Hudson, Dorothy Sartor, Mary Roberson, Leslie McCants, Olive Montgomery, Shirley Hakim, Kathleen Redman, Fran Jagoditsh, Morris Inabnet. Third row: Robin Bailey, Lisa Webster, Ronnie Hubbard, Scott Anderson, Mike Easterling, Beth Sigler, Joe Simpson, Kip Gates. Fourth row: Ellen Cole, Lea Thompson, Stacy McCrocklin, Steven Brown, Bernard McKenzie, Mac Oakley, Bill Ryan, Herbert Hobgood, Ford Williams. Fifth row: Troy Watters, Richard Crowe, Tommy Vreeland, Clifford Greenbaum, Ceci Grant, Catherine Shemwell, Tim Williams, Jim Bell. Sixth row: Edward Brennen, David Smith, Richard Lee, Rod Cascio, Donna Warner, Bobbie Wyatt, Bonnie Brennen, Ormand Altick, Kevin Edwards. Seventh row: Chuck McBride, Reace Harrison, Bill Loftin, Layne Morgan, Blanche Mattison, Liz Montgomery, Kerry Kilpatrick, Sallie Shafto.



Susan Anderson, president; Mossy Sartor, vice-president; Martha Winters, secretary; Elizabeth Cookston, treasurer; Mike Easterling, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Ana Sigler, sponsor.



The Spanish Club gained many new members and became the largest club at River Oaks. The club celebrated Christmas by breaking pinatas filled with candy, an old Mexican tradition. The Spanish Club also won third place in the Christmas decorating contest.

All year long members of the club looked forward to the trip to Mexico City and Acapulco during the week of April 4-11. Only Spanish Club members with a C average or above were allowed to make the trip. Chaperons for the trip were Dr. Harry Winters, Mr. Nick Lassiter, and Mrs. Sigler. 69



# Art Club Wins Decorating Contest



Seated: Lisa Butler, Tara Rodden, Leslie Cook, Susan Baum, Pattie Primos, Leighanne Geisler, Susan Hudson, Mary Roberson, Cindy Williams. First row: Polly Passman, Allan McCarter, Kathy Ledoux, Kay Godfrey, Donald Reeves, Terry Culver, Troy Watters, Debbie Jones, Toni Lamb, Mrs. Stueart. Second row: Scott Anderson, Randy Wells, Bill Land. Third row: Dan Potts, Mark Rogers, Lane Brothers, Lee Webster.

The Art Club exerted much effort during 1975-76. Members made decorations for the field presentation at Homecoming and money at bake sales for the yearly Christmas party, which was held at Kathy Ledoux's home. Also, during Christmas, the Art Club decorated the front doors of the school with two herald angels proclaiming peace.

During the second semester, the art students learned the technique of painting, batik, pattern and texture, graphics, and art history.





# Speech Club Progresses Dramatically



The Speech Club, sponsored by Mrs. Robertson, organized and presented the Christmas and Coral Day programs. Members also participated in speech festivals at NLU and La. Tech.

The Christmas program featured a one-act play entitled "Muggy's Merry Christmas" and individual performances by the RO Band, Steffie Dorrah, Susan Hudson, Donese Worden, Beth and Kathy Sigler, Scott Brandle, Jon Somsen, Mark Rainwater, Hall Winters, Donald Reeves, and Robert Ewing.

Corral Day featured a variety show presented by Speech Club members.



Vice-President Anne Desha, President Olive Montgomery, Treasurer Brenda George, and Secretary Susan Anderson.



First row: Mark Rainwater, Edwin Craft, Scott Anderson, Lamar Rogers, Robert Williams, Bill Loftin. Second row: Suzette Boozer, Martha Winters, Olive Montgomery, Kathy Sigler, Brenda George, Beth Sigler, Susan Anderson, Anne Desha. Third row: Donese Worden, Dorothy Sartor, Susan Hudson, Lisa Beason, Monisa Thompson, Steffie Dorrah, Rookh Brothers.



# Business Club Keeps Alums In Touch

The general purposes and goals of the Business Club are to create an interest in and an understanding of the business world and to encourage each member to develop himself to a higher level of citizenship, leadership, and service.

Each meeting the club has a speaker to discuss various occupations, job opportunities, and other business-oriented matters. This year the club placed second in the Christmas school decorations. One of the main projects was sending copies of THE PONY EXPRESS to graduates of River Oaks.



Officers: President Dee McDonald, Treasurer Debbie McDaniel, Vice-President Donald A. Reeves, and Secretary Ellen Boatright.



First row: Toni Lamb, David Smith, Martha Rich, Dee McDonald, Gracie Land, Rookh Brothers, Kathleen Redman, Kathy Sigler. Second row: Sandy White, Clara Smith, Ellen Boatright, Shirley Hakim, Beth Sigler, Jane Adams, Lisa Beason, Janet Fleming. Third row: Julie Gates, Debbie McDaniel, Paige Ledoux, Amanda Hudson, Desha Lanier, Donese Worden, Sharon Cruse, Monisa Thompson, Kathy Ledoux, Mike Neal. Fourth row: Mark Addison, Curt Walker, Donald Reeves, Patti Primos, Madelyn Marchman, Kathy Primos, Kurt Merriman, Reace Harrison, Lama Rogers.



# Pony Express Staff Rides Again



Seated: Polly Passman, Olive Montgomery, Martha Herron, Kathy Ledoux. Standing: Debbie Jones, Desha Lanier, Ramsey Ogg, Bill Land, Bert Durrett, Mark Rainwater, Amanda Hudson.



EXPRESS staff learns journalistic techniques.

The PONY EXPRESS is the official newspaper of the River Oaks School and is a laboratory project of the students enrolled in journalism. The 1975-76 school year brought two journalism classes to RO.

Staff members worked diligently each month to produce a newspaper that was both interesting and informative. Senior staff members included Bert Durrett, Robert Ewing, Kay Godfrey, Martha Herron, Amanda Hudson, Debbie Jones, Bill Land, Desha Lanier, Kathy Ledoux, Olive Montgomery, Ramsey Ogg, Polly Passman, and Mark Rainwater.

The purposes of the PONY EXPRESS are to publish views of events, ideas, and opinions of the school in accepted journalistic style; to widen the range of thinking of staff members and readers; to provide opportunities for student expression; to help create a true RO spirit; and to be governed by responsibility, truth, accuracy, fair play, and decency.



# Mustang Band Gets New Uniforms



The River Oaks Band of 1975-76 increased in size and appearance, as well as playing ability. The band acquired several members from other schools, in addition to the upcoming elementary musicians.

Last year the Board of Directors raised enough money for the band's long-awaited uniforms. This gave River Oaks' first true marching band the professional look that it lacked before.

As for playing ability, the band made a name for itself through its continued participation at basketball and football games, pep rallies, and graduation ceremonies. Within the band there were seventeen All-District Band winners and several members of the Monroe Youth Symphony.

In the spring the band participated in the State Band Festival to compete for various awards.





# Little Mustangs Begin Music Careers



Elementary Band. First row: Kendall Lanningham, Charles Whitaker, Lisa Davidson, Sarah Green, Julie Abraugh, Shelly Mulhearn, Pam Cline, Melissa Parker, Mauri Walker, Lindy McMickle. Second row: Ann Elizabeth Ware, Walter Sartor, Torrey Vail, Michael Cummings, and Charles Rosamond.



Elementary Orchestra First row: Joey Cleveland, Jon Bradford, Blair Cudd, Robin Rivers, Sara Jones, Laurie Brown. Second row: Sharon Funderburk, Lesley Trinca, Debbie Keeling, Timothy Gates, Beth Jones, Carol Lanningham, Lee Stephens, Hallie Cleveland, Kristin Trinca, Susan Gates, Donese Worden. Third row: Mr. Cleveland, Ellen Stephens, John David Cleveland, and Robert Lydick.



# Cheerleaders Create Spirit of '76

After try-outs before the student body, the Mustang cheerleaders were elected in May and immediately began planning 1975-76 activities. During the summer the cheerleaders attended cheerleader camp in Natchitoches to learn new cheers and chants to promote school spirit.

Throughout the year, Mustang cheerleaders planned and led pep assemblies, planned poster parties, promoted school spirit, and attended and led cheers at all football and basketball games.

Desha Lanier was head cheerleader; other seniors included Amanda Hudson, Debbie McDaniel, and Kay Godfrey. Martha Winters represented the juniors, and Wendy Worthen, the sophomores.



Floor: Martha Winters, Desha Lanier, Amanda Hudson. Standing: Debbie McDaniel, Wendy Worthen, and Kay Godfrey.





# Sundance Kids Win First Place



Kathleen Redman, Sharon Cruse, Susan Hudson, Suzette Boozer, Susan Anderson, Olive Montgomery, Mossy Sartor, Desha Lanier, Martha Rich.



The 1975-76 Sundance Kids were announced following try-outs that were held last spring. Hard work and practice paid off, for River Oaks' drill team won first place at NLU's Summer Dance and Drill Team Camp in July.

The girls were under the direction of NLU Warbonnet Delora Hudson. They performed during assemblies and at halftime of basketball and football games to "Get Down Tonite," "Baddest Band," "Peter Gun," and "Witchcraft."



# Jr. High Cheerleaders Produce Noise

The 1975-76 Jr. High Cheerleaders were active in supporting the athletic teams. After the football players had finished practice in the hot afternoons, the cheerleaders prepared Kool-aid for them.

Also, the Jr. High Cheerleaders went to Neville High School during the summer in order to learn new cheers and chants. Poster parties were held during the season to make signs to increase student and team spirit.



Floor: Laura Cage and Mary Walker. Standing: Vikki Southern, Leslie Files, Elizabeth Sartor, and Catherine Winters, head cheerleader.



# Yearbook Staff Captures Memories



Editor Mossy Sartor and her staff worked endlessly to produce a yearbook of which River Oaks students could be proud. Dave Garrett, photographer, displayed much patience in capturing all RO students. Other staff members included seniors John Fox, Polly Jones, Mike Neal, Steve Russell, and Sandy White. Junior staff members were Steffie Dorrah, Susan Anderson, and Ellen Boatright. Sophomores, Mil Bodron and Monisa Thompson, were also helpful.



Mossy, Steffie, Mil, Dave, Monisa, and Susan attended a yearbook workshop during the summer at NLU to improve layout and copy skills.

The yearbook staff expresses sincere appreciation to the following people for their help on the 1975-76 SILVER SPUR: Mr. Bill Bobo for his time and comments, Mr. Walter Sims for his cheerful and courteous service; Mrs. Ackel for her proofreading assistance; Dr. Crowe and Mr. Hammock for their patience and help; Mrs. Underwood for her untiring efforts; all RO students and faculty for their support and confidence; and Mr. John Cale for his darkroom assistance.









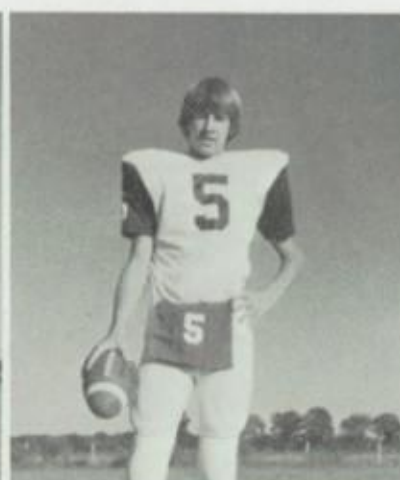
# Football Team



Kip Gates  
Jr E



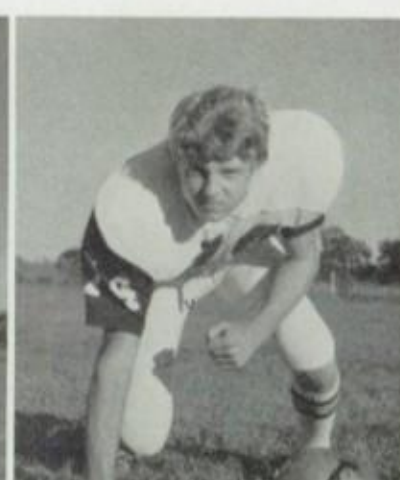
Randy Gilley  
Jr FB



Bo Godfrey  
Jr QB



Bo Hardy  
Jr HB



Chuck McBride  
Jr T



Bear Ulrich  
Jr G



Roy Wall  
Jr C



Troy Watters  
Jr T



Robert Williams  
Jr G



Richard Crowe  
Soph T



Andy Davidson  
Soph G



Jamie Fox  
Soph QB



Richard Guerriero  
Soph G



Bernard McKenzie  
Soph T

## 1975 SEASON

Sept. 5	Riverdale	28- 0
Sept. 12	Claiborne	26- 8
Sept. 19	England	16- 0
Sept. 26	Trinity Heights	37-16
Oct. 3	Tallulah	6-20
Oct. 10	Huntington	29- 6
Oct. 16	Riverfield	6- 6
Oct. 24	Prairie View	39-13
Oct. 31	Brairfield	26- 7
Nov. 7	Ridgedale	42-16



The 1975 Mustang football team finished the season with a very impressive 8-1-1 record despite being disappointed over not making the playoffs. The Pony record, which was second best in the state, earned them a tie for the runner-up spot in District 2-AA.

In the season opener against Riverdale of Coshatta, the Mustangs shut out the Rebels 28-0. Bo Godfrey connected with Steve Russell on a 72-yard pass to open the scoring. Hall Winters scampered 21 yards around left end for the next score. Mike Neal also sprinted 13 yards around the right side for a TD. Mike Easterling ended the scoring on a 1-yard plunge.

The Mustangs easily recorded their second win of the season against Claiborne, 26-8. Easterling scored two touchdowns on runs of 2 and 64 yards. Winters scored from 21 yards out, and Randy Gilley scored from the 6 yard line.

River Oaks journeyed to England, Arkansas, to take a 16-0 victory over the Rebels. Easterling scored the only Mustang touchdowns on runs of 3 and 5 yards. The staunch Pony defense recovered 4 Rebel fumbles.

The Mustangs brought a 3-0 record into their first home game of the year at the new Mustang Stadium. Easterling carried the ball 75 yards for the first score, then Neal raced 24 yards for another TD. Soon afterwards, the Mustang defense jolted the pigskin loose from an Eagle ball carrier, and Robert Williams picked up the ball and ran 30 yards for the score. Donald Reeves lofted a pass to Russell from 14 yards away for 6 more points. Neal took a pitchout and heaved a pass to Scott Anderson, good for 62 yards, which set up a score by Gilley from the two.

In the district opener the virus-ridden Mustangs were unable to produce much offense as they were defeated by the Tallulah Trojans 20-6. The only Pony score came on a 65-yard pass from Winters to Russell.

RO rolled over Huntington 29-6. The fierce defense intercepted five passes and recovered two fumbles. Easterling scored twice, the first time

from 1 yard out and the second time from 70 yards away. Neal soon followed by galloping 8 yards for the third Mustang TD. Gilley closed the scoring on a 5-yard drive.

After three days of constant rain, River Oaks and Riverfield struggled to a 6-6 deadlock at the "Mustang Mud Bowl." Winters raced 81 yards through the mud for the lone Mustang score of the night. Since the Raiders had more first downs, Riverfield was given the opportunity to participate in the playoffs in case of a tie for second place with the Mustangs.

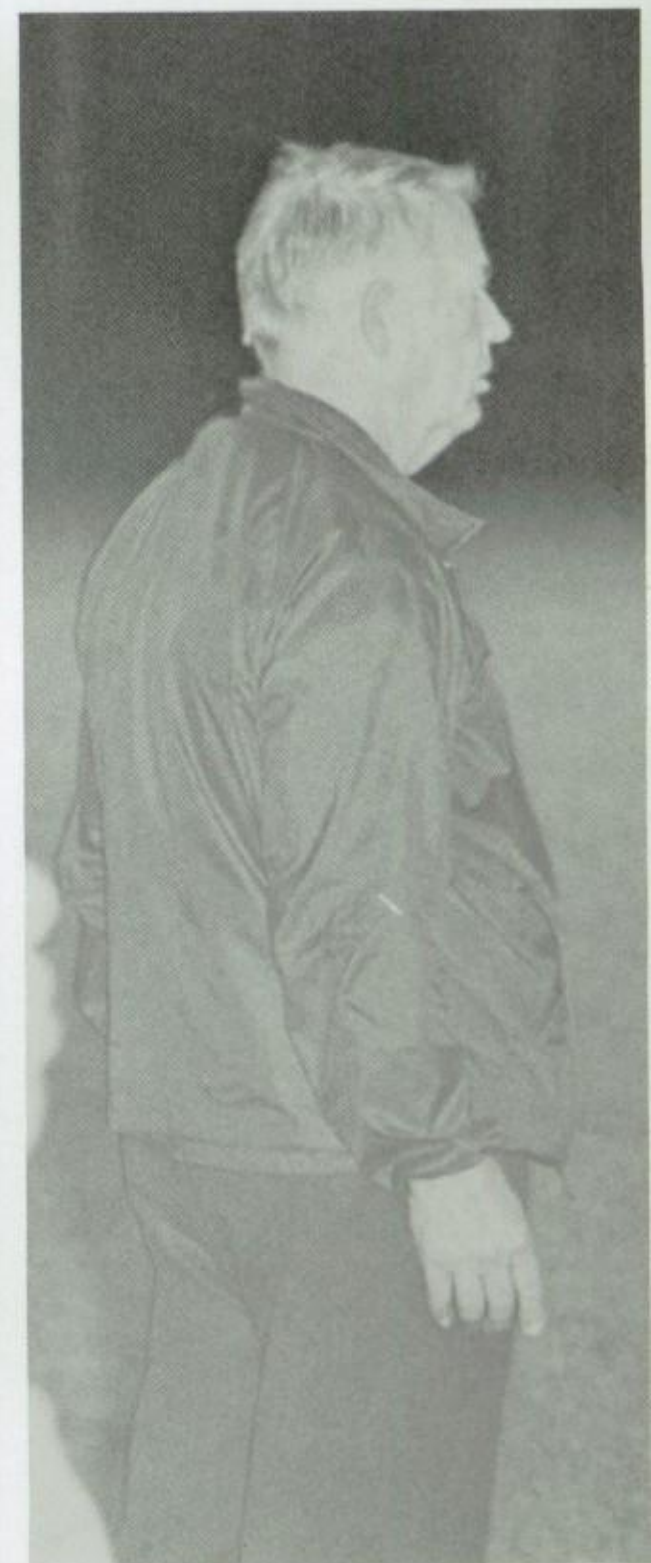
Easterling scored three touchdowns as the Mustangs easily defeated Prairie View 39-13. Easterling's 18 points came on runs of 1, 4, and 7 yards. In the second quarter Winters scored from 14 yards out. Russell accounted for both of the Mustangs' second half scores. The first came on a 12-yard pass from Reeves and the second on a 35-yard run. Troy Watters also kicked three extra points.

Bert Durrett scored a pair of first quarter touchdowns to start River Oaks to a 26-7 victory over Brairfield at Homecoming. Easterling scored next from the six. The final score came on a 24-yard pass from Reeves to Kip Gates.

Easterling scored 3 touchdowns, and Winters had a pair of TD's as the Ponies rolled to 42-16 win over Ridge-dale. Easterling scored twice from the one and once from the five. Winters scored on a 16-yard run and on a 45-yard interception return. Reeves also tossed a 34-yard pass to Gates.

Mustangs who received All-District recognition were Senior Defensive Halfback Hall Winters, Senior Defensive End Bert Durrett, Senior Defensive Safety Steve Russell, Junior Noseguard Troy Watters, Junior Linebacker Mike Easterling, and Junior Punter Kip Gates. Winters also participated in the LISA All-Star game.

Coach Woody Boyles upped his overall coaching record to 18-3-1 after his two-year tenure at River Oaks. Boyles was assisted by Tim Richmond, Max Watters, and Harlan Tanner. The 1975 season was the Mustangs' first season to participate in Class AA.



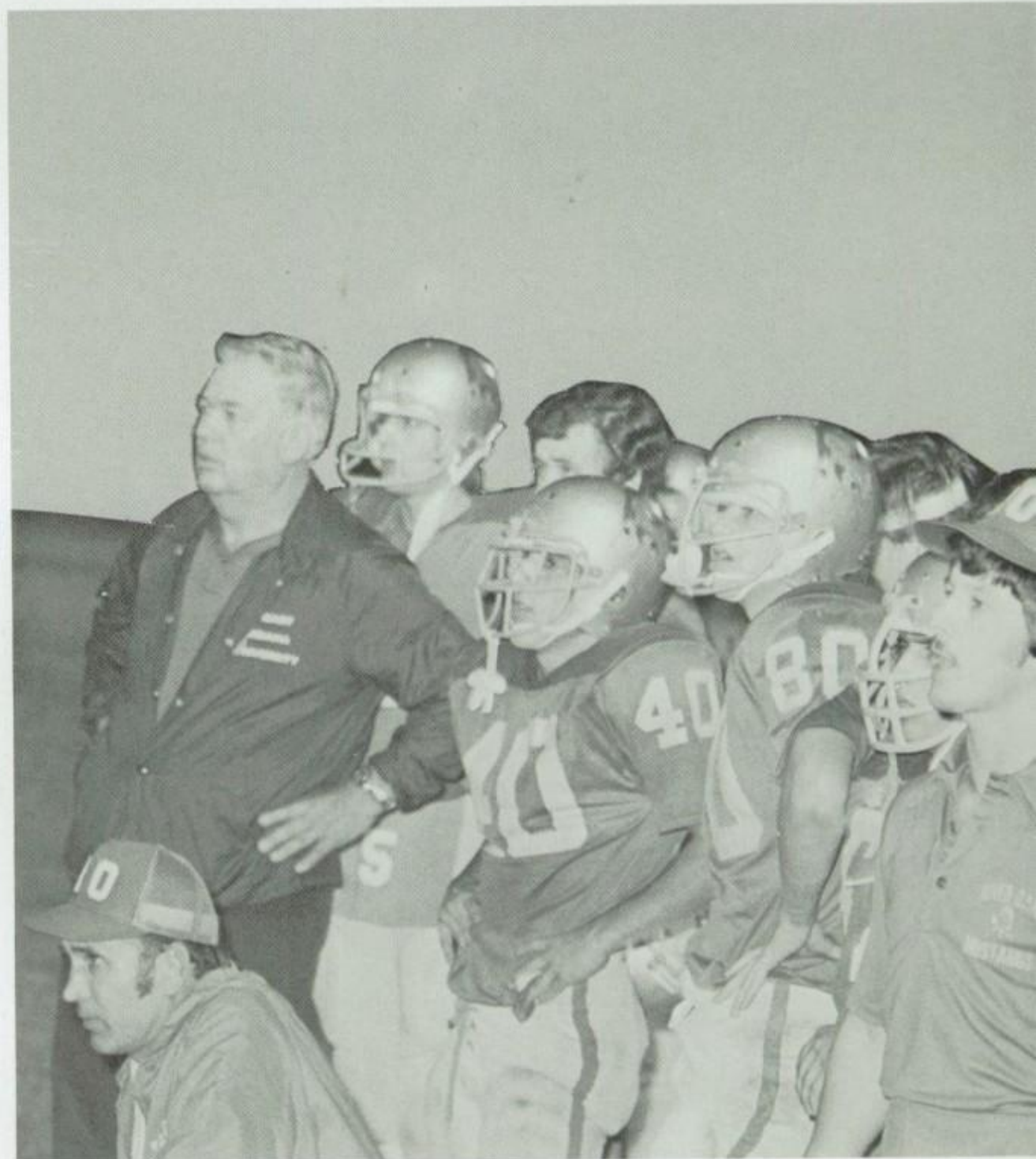


# Record Is Impressive



Top far left: Easterling puts six more points on the board against Briarfield. Top: Winters heaves a bomb in Russell's direction. Bottom far left: Head Coach Woody Boyles. Middle left: Durrett follows Easterling's block against PVA. Above: Easterling turns a corner against Ridgedale. Left: Easterling follows Durrett's block.





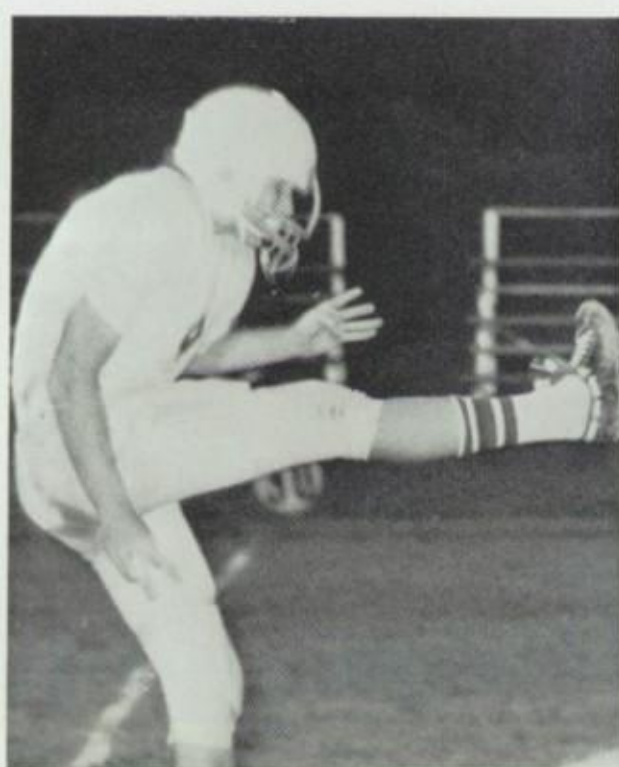
Top: Durrett rambles, part 2. Top middle: Neal looks downfield while... Top far right: ... Winters attempts to keep a Briarfield Rebel from impeding Neal's progress. Above: Russell looks on as Gates scores against Ridgedale. Right: Mustang coaches look on as the Mustang offense tries hard.



# Junior High Football



Front row: Fred Petty, Billy Smith, Trey Gates, Boyd Padgett, Norman Bagwell, Daran Reeves, Stephens Winters, Jim Bell, Ryan Sartor, Kelly White. Middle row: Tommy Curry, Todd Hindmon, Eric Worthen, Todd Carter, Ford Williams, Wayne McDaniel, Stewart Harrison, Scott Bradford, Lee Jenkins. Back row: Will Sartor, Randy Pipes, Joe Simpson, Kevin Edwards, Woody Ledbetter, Tim Williams, Mark Gray, Walter Ligon, Stewart Gentry.



The 1975 junior high Mustangs posted a 3-2 record. Coached by Harlan Tanner and assistant Max Watters, they defeated Prairie View 20-0 and Ridgedale 16-0 and 12-0, and lost to Riverfield twice by scores of 16-6 and 26-6. Woody Ledbetter led the Mustang rushing attack, aided by Bobby Craighead; and junior high defensive standouts this season were Junior Bonner and Tim Williams.

Above far left: Bradford de-horns a Raider. Above left: Ledbetter boots another one. Above: Tanner gives his team encouragement. Far left: Ledbetter rifles a halfback pass. Left: Craighead skirts around left end.



# Mustang Cagers Have



Mark Rainwater



Steve Russell



Terry Culver



Mike Easterling



Kip Gates



Morris Inabnet



Jeff McBride



Donald Reeves



Tommy Clay



Mike Douglas



# 13-10 Season Record



After repeating for the second year as District IV-A Champs, the Mustangs were forced to move up to District II-AA, where their attempts for a third straight district crown were futile. Despite a 13-10 won-loss record, the Mustangs were 6-4 in district competition, which was good enough for a third place finish.

The Mustangs placed one member on the All-District Team, and two members received Honorable Mention. Kip Gates, who averaged 20.0 points per game, was the lone Mustang on the All-District Team, while Steve Russell, with a 7.5 average, and Terry Culver, 8.3 points per game, received Honorable Mention.

Right: Basketball Coach Harlan Tanner. Below at right: Russell adds to the Mustang score. Below: All-District player Gates readies for a pass.



## 1976 Season

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## Prairie View Tournament

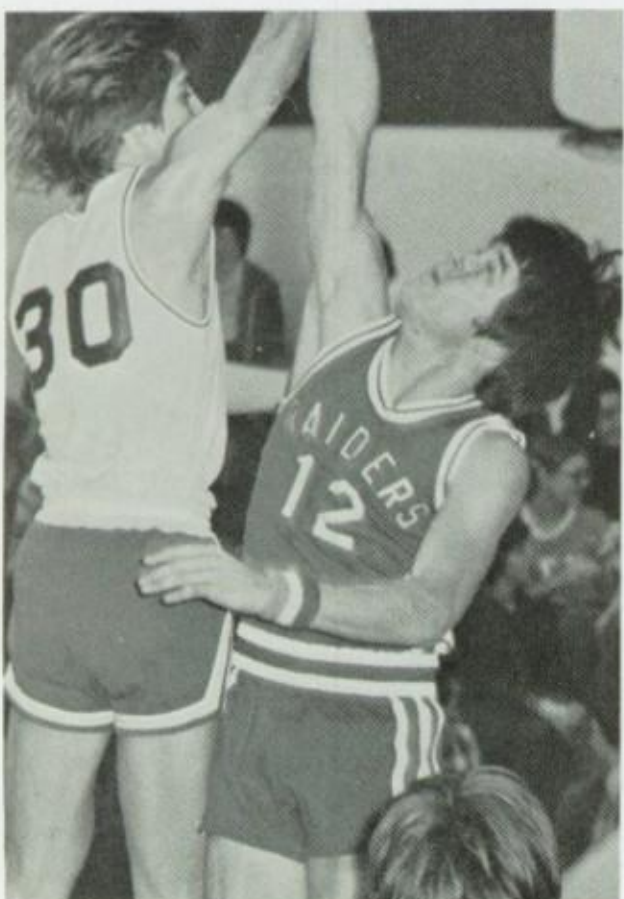
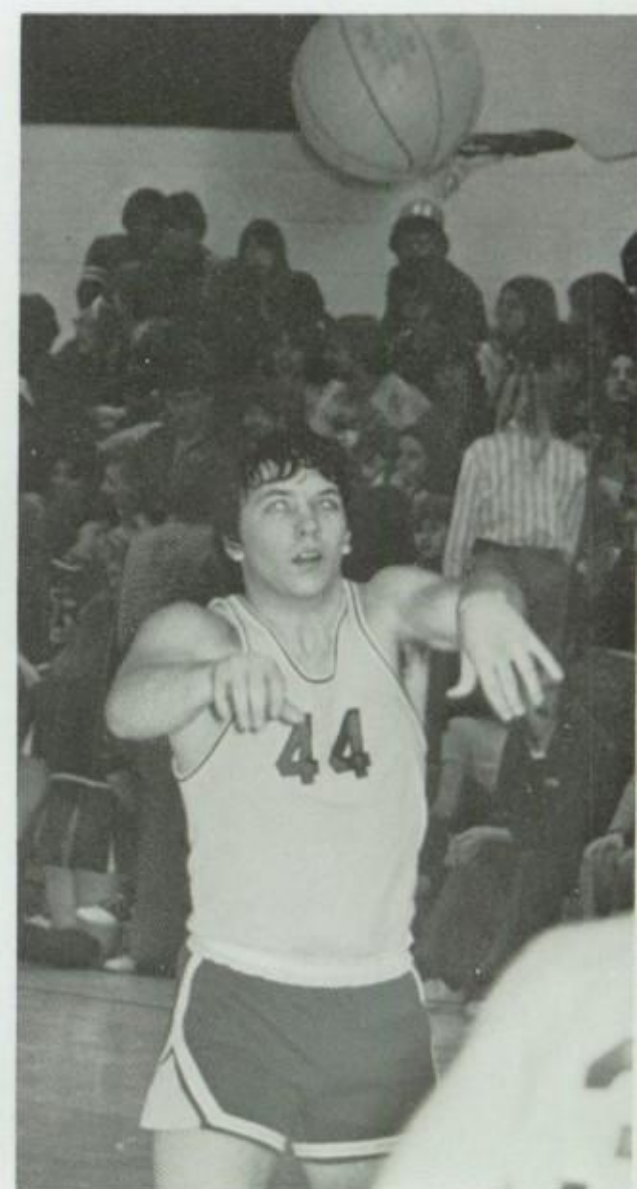
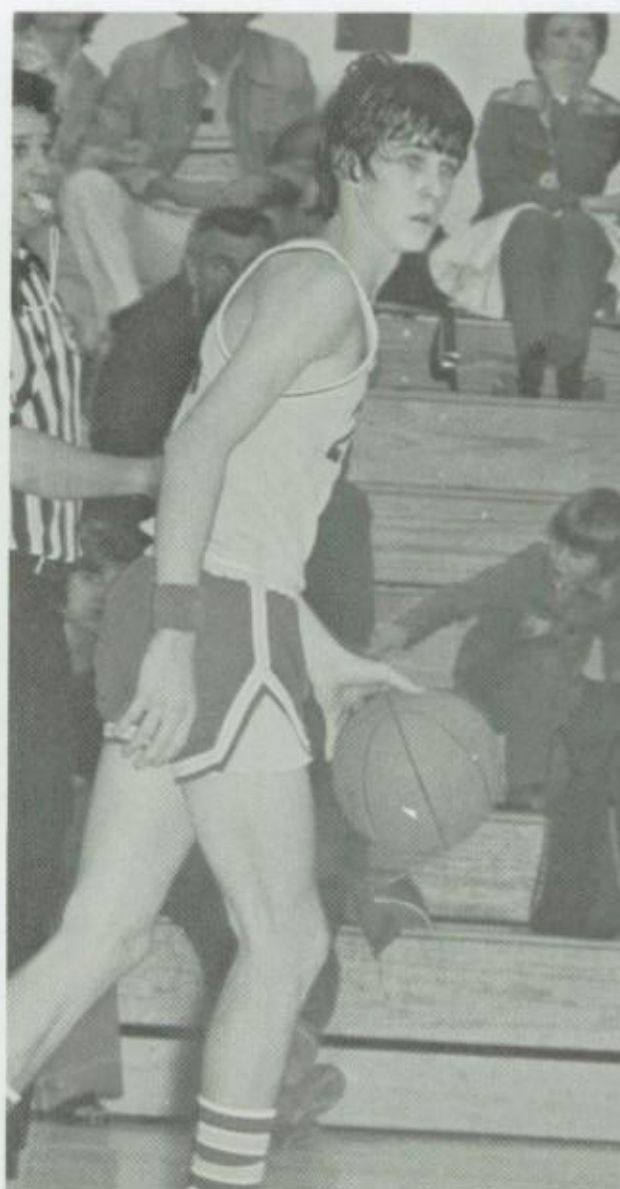
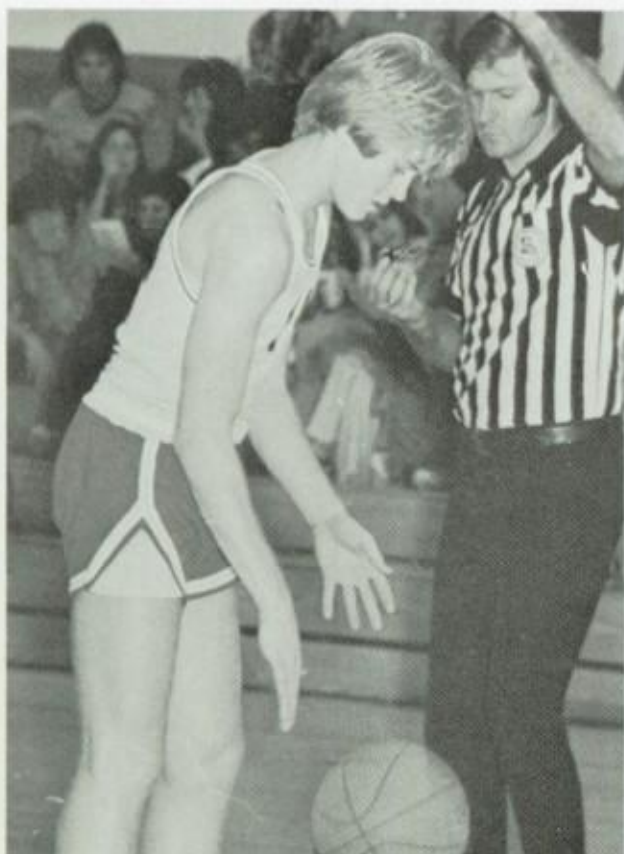
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Prairie View	.....	.64
2nd Place Finish		



# Basketball Team

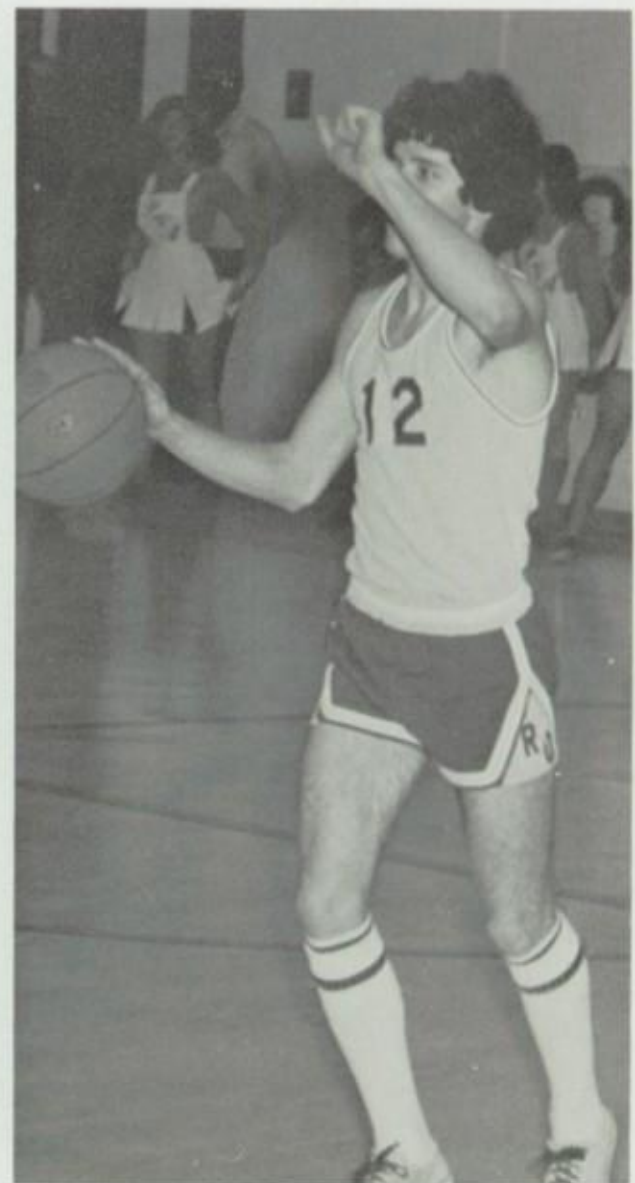


Top: "Doctor" readies for a free throw. Top Right: Clay, as always, looks for a shot. Top Far Right: Easterling lets a pass go in Gates's direction. Above: Gates outjumps Riverfield's Alan Curry. Right: Russell looks for an open man. Far Right: Sundance Kids provide half-time entertainment at home games.

Top Left: Reeves goes up for a jump. Top Middle: Gates puts another one up. Top Far Right: Russell sets up the Mustang offense. Bottom left: The RO fans support the basketball team. Bottom Far Left: Easterling attempts a difficult pass.



# Gets Fired Up





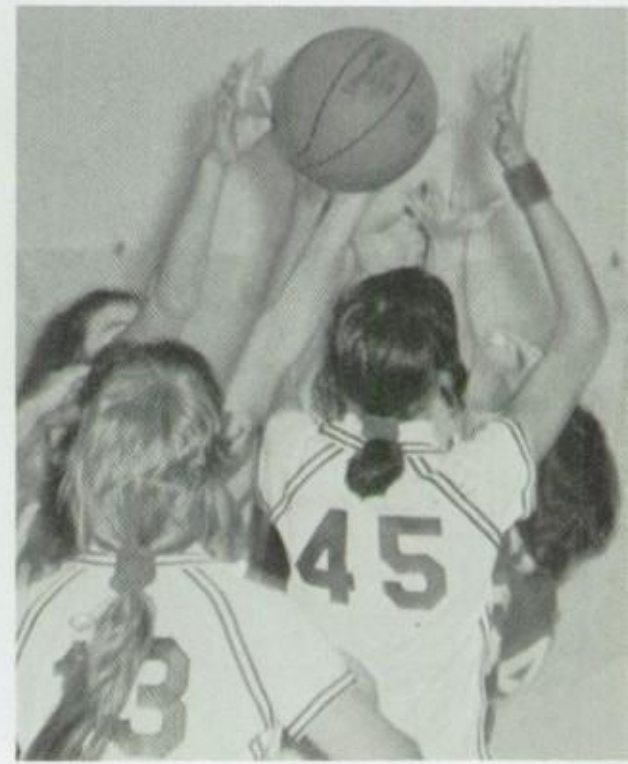
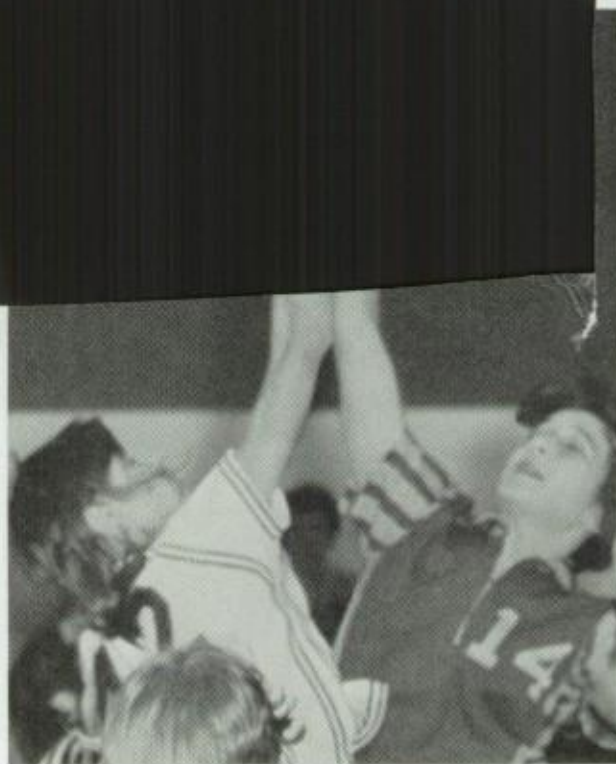
# Varsity Basketball



Front row: Wendy Worthen, Kay Loflin, Lisa Kelso, Lisa Simpson, Lynn Lassiter, Lisa Kelso, Lisa



, Julie Gates. Back row: Melanie Buller, Manager; Mrs. Scoggins, Coach.



The 1975-76 Girls' Basketball Team finished the season with a 11-11 overall record and a 5-5 district record. The Mustangs were coached by Mrs. Scoggins, and they won second place in the Tallulah Tournament. They also participated in the Riverfield and Prairie View Tournaments. Kay Loflin was named to the All-District Team and also received Honorable Mention on the All-State Team. Elizabeth Cookston was selected for an All-District Honorable Mention.

Above right: Lassiter battles a Trojan for a jump ball. Above far right: Kelso scrambles after a rebound. Above: Jagoditsh and Cookston move toward the goal. Right: Coach Scoggins gives her team instructions. Far right: All-District Loflin readies the ball at the charity stripe.





# Junior High Boys' Basketball



Front row: Fred Petty, Norman Bagwell, Clay Petrus, Jim Bell, Darran Reeves, Donald Jones, Ryan Sartor, Trey Gates, Chris McHenry. Back row: David Smith, Eric Worthen, Randy Pipes, Tim Vines, Edel Blanks, Will Sartor, Clifford Greenbaum, Todd Mahaffey, Stephen Gates, Woody Ledbetter.



The Junior High Boys' Basketball Team ended the 1975-76 season with a 3-9 record. Coached by Mr. Dousay, the boys played in the Ridgedale, Riverfield, and River Oaks tournaments. Woody Ledbetter and Norman Bagwell were named to the All-Tournament team at the Ridgedale Tournament.

The 7th & 8th grade team played in the Ridgedale and River Oaks tournaments, and had a 2-5 season record.

Top, far left: Worthen anticipates his next move. Top left: Bell looks down the court. Above: Blanks gets ready to pass. Far left: Ledbetter takes a shot. Left: Coach Dousay gives his team instructions.



# Junior High Girls' Basketball



Front row: Leigh Myrick, Naomi McCrocklin, Louise Seymour, Linda Cudd, Missy Webb, Ann Irby, Mary Flo Geisler, Marsha Wolfe, Andrea Weaks. Middle row: Leslie Files, Mary Walker, Lisa Illing, Shelly Cook, Liz Montgomery, Julie Gates, Toni Campbell, Tish Bailey, Mary Buffington. Back row: Shannon Green, Jennifer Abraugh, Kristen Anderson, Lea Thompson, Nancy Lary, Lisa Webster, Jackie Petrus, Sally McGregor, Quincie Rivers, Clare Durrett, Miss Burley, Coach.



The Junior High Girls' Basketball Team posted a 4-6 record this season. Coached by Miss Burley, the girls played in the River Oaks and Riverfield tournaments.

The 7th and 8th grade team had a 1-7 season. They participated in the River Oaks, Riverfield, and Ridgedale tournaments. Shelly Cook was chosen for the All-Tournament Team at Ridgedale.

Above: Thompson aims a free-throw. Above, right: Cook looks for an opening in the Ridgedale defense. Above, far right: Coach Burley gives instructions during a time-out. Right: Walker looks for someone to pass to. Far Right: Irby brings the ball down against pressure.





# RO Has Its First Track Team



The newly formed RO track team attended three area meets and was well represented at the State Meet this spring. The team placed 5th in the Cedar Creek meet in Ruston, 7th in the Tallulah meet, and 5th in the District Meet at NLU. Coach Tim Richmond's Mustangs who participated in the State Meet were Hall Winters and Bert Durrett, 4th and 6th place 100-yd. dash; Troy Watters, 5th place javelin throw; Stephen Brown, pole vaulting; Kip Gates, high jump; and the 2-mile relay team of Tom Vreeland, Tommy Russell, Curt Walker, and David Ellis. Durrett also ran in the 220-yd. dash.

Top left: RO's first track team. Top: Durrett throws the shot put. Middle, far left: McKenzie tries hard. Middle left: Watters moves on to 5th place in state. Above: Winters gets a good start in the 100-yd. dash. Far left: Ellis paces the 2-mile relay team. Left: Walker takes a time-out.



# Baseball Team Ends

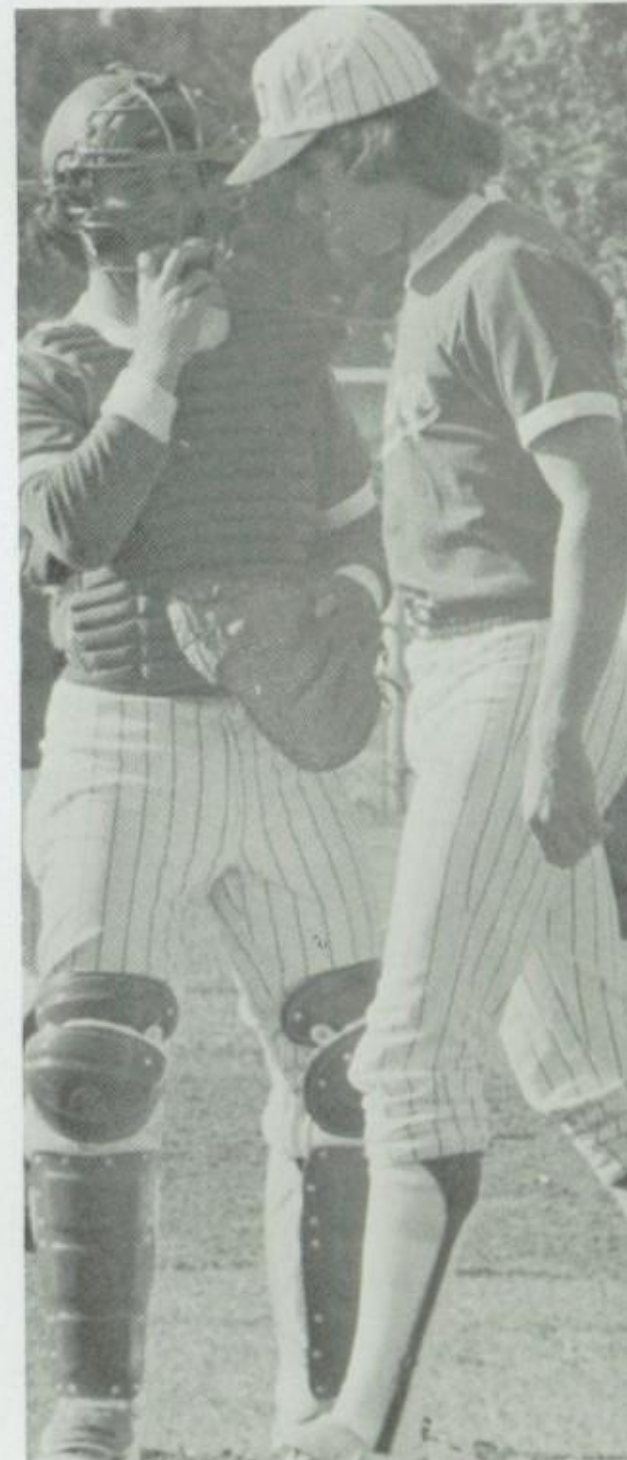


Front row: John Fox, Wayne McDaniel, Jeff McBride, Mike Neal, Mike Douglas, Bill Loftin, Tim Williams. Back row: Hall Winters, Troy Watters, Donald Reeves, Randy Wells, Richard Crowe, Morris Inabnet, Mike Easterling, Coach Tim Dousay.



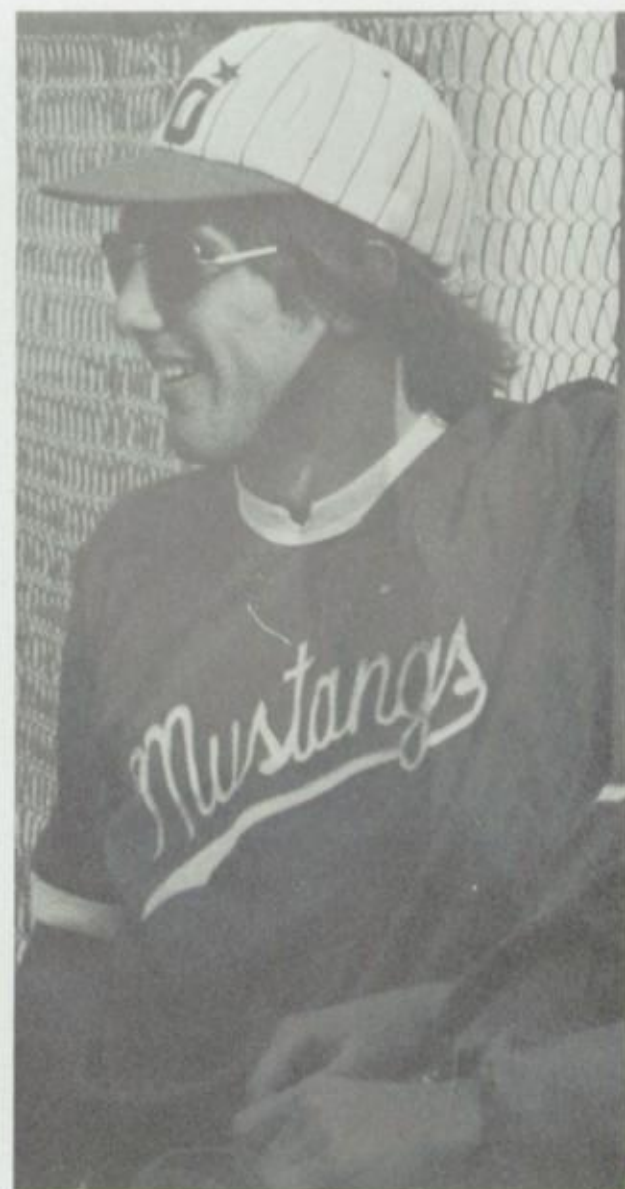
The Baseball Team finished its 1976 season with a 9-3 record. The team placed third in the district, losing only to Ridgedale and Riverfield. Hall Winters was selected to the All-District Team. Coach Tim Dousay awarded the following Seniors with team awards: Hall Winters, pitching award; John Fox, fielding; and Mike Neal, hitting.

This page: Winters talks things over with the umpire. Wells warms up. Neal and Winters get their heads together on the mound. Opposite page: Crowe guards 1st base. Neal takes care of home plate. George takes a break on the bench. Fox gets a hit. Winters seems pleased.





# Year With 9-3 Record





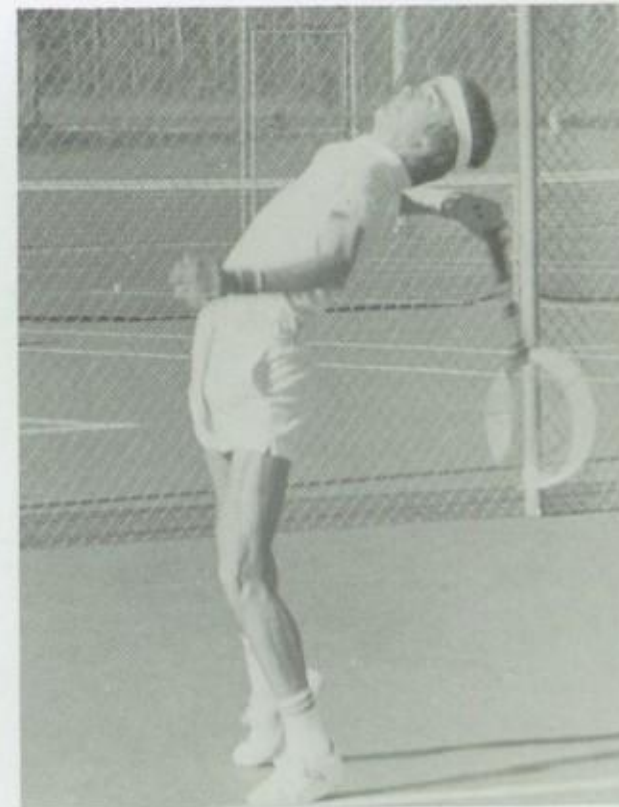
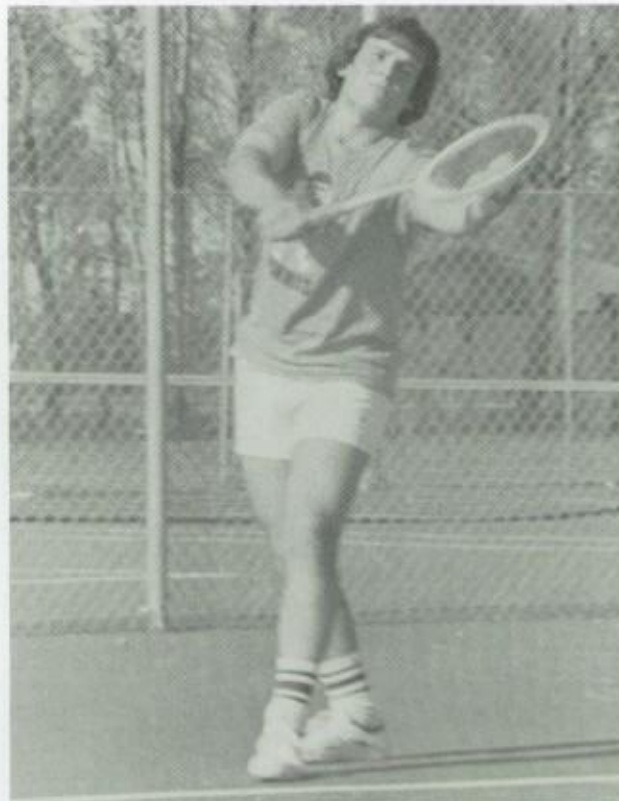
# Tennis Team Places First



The 1976 tennis team again placed first in the district. Coached by Mrs. Fox, the team moved on to the Northern Regionals in Shreveport, and there the boys won second place while the girls tied for third.

Elizabeth Cookston, Edwin Craft, Tommy Clay, and Edward Brennen participated in the state tournament in New Orleans. Cookston took second place in the girls' singles at state.

Top: Files hits a backhand. Top right: RO's traveling tennis team. Above: Mrs. Fox, tennis coach. Above right: The reserve team. Right: Craft gives his opponent that fearless look. Far right: Pipes gets ready to smash one over.

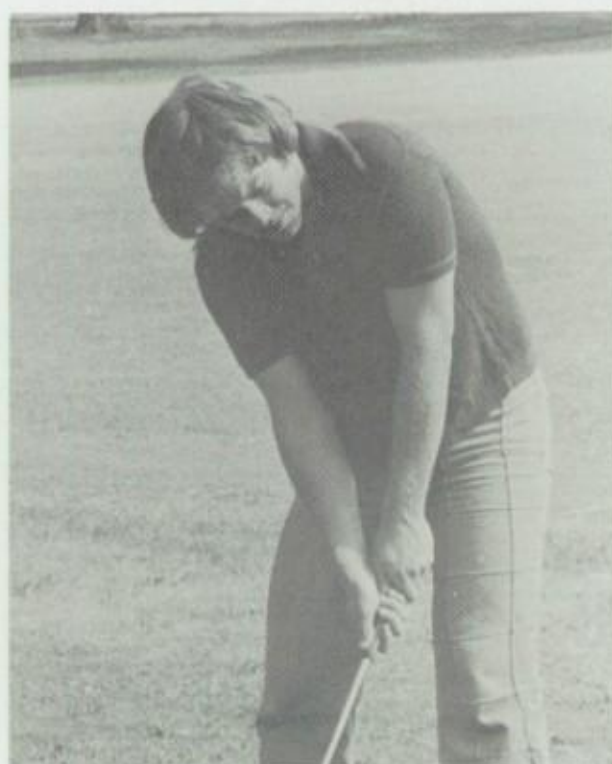




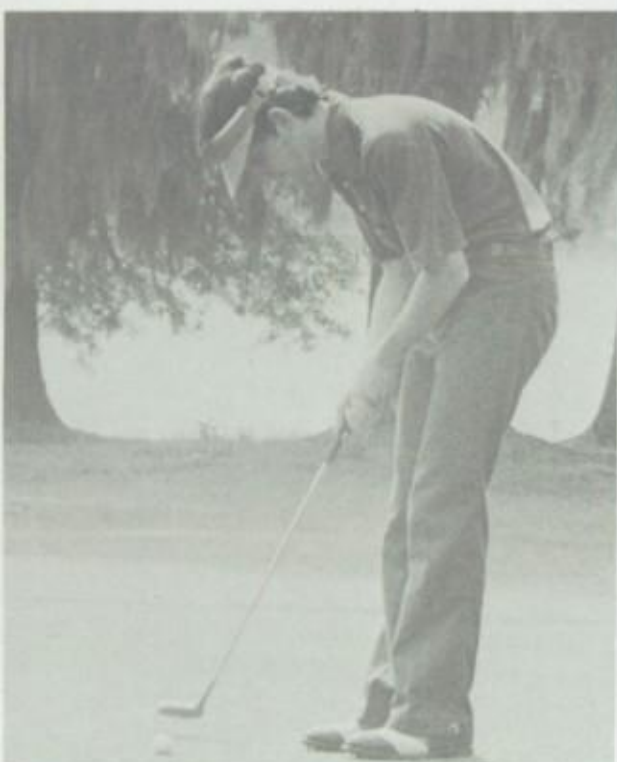
# Hobgood Named #1 Golfer



The 1976 golf team members were Herbert Hobgood, Mark Rainwater, Chip Norman, and David Smith. They were coached by Mrs. Garrett and participated in the Briarfield and Cedar Creek Invitational Tournaments this spring. RO placed fifth in the Northern Regional Tournament, and Herbert Hobgood went on to New Orleans to place first in the state.



Above: Hobgood, No. 1 golfer in Louisiana. Top right: RO's 1976 golf team. Golf team members: middle left, Mark Rainwater; middle far left, Chip Norman; bottom left, David Smith; bottom far left, Herbert Hobgood.

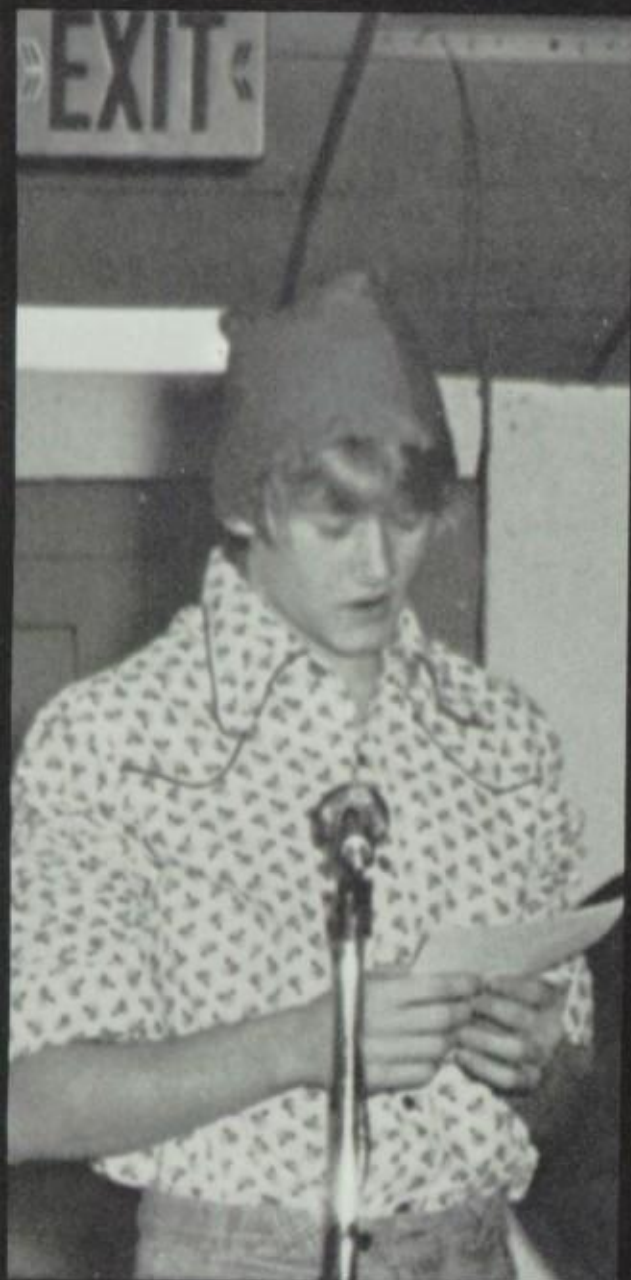






**Old days, days of love  
and feelin' fancy free  
Old days, days of magic  
still so close to me**





## Days of Being Spirited





# Halloween Haunts 1975

As Homecoming approached, many people questioned how successful it would be. Rain had made the new football stadium extremely muddy. The newspapers predicted a Mustang defeat at the hands of Briarfield. However, just as the fairy godmother granted Cinderella's wish, the Great Pumpkin granted River Oaks' wish that Homecoming would be a success. On Thursday night parents and students alike gathered for the bonfire. Friday had the most activities with float competition, assembly, presentation of the court, and the Homecoming dance.

Kay Godfrey reigned as the 1975 Homecoming Queen. The court consisted of Debbie McDaniel, maid of honor; Brenda George, junior maid; Wendy Worthen, sophomore maid; and Catherine Winters, freshman maid.





# Homecoming Festivities





# Activities Highlight





# First Semester



Throughout the school year various activities are held at RO for special occasions. Mark Bodron, Tim Rich, and Ramsey Ogg "hang a Rebel" during homecoming week. Dr. Brooks Hamaker examines Mossy Sartor in a Student Council skit. Elementary students add spirit to assemblies. Wendy Worthen displays her painting talent at a poster party. Jon Somsen, Larry Walker, Scott Brandle, and Bear Ulrich make up a barber shop quartet in the Xmas program. Tommy Clay and Dawn Rivers entertain a snake during biology class. "Edith Anne" tells a story during the Xmas program. Layne Morgan and Robin Bailey play Rook during socialized recreation in PE. Edwin Craft and Martha Winters star in "Mugsy's Merry Christmas." Steffie Dorroh reads poetry in the Xmas program.





# Students Look Forward

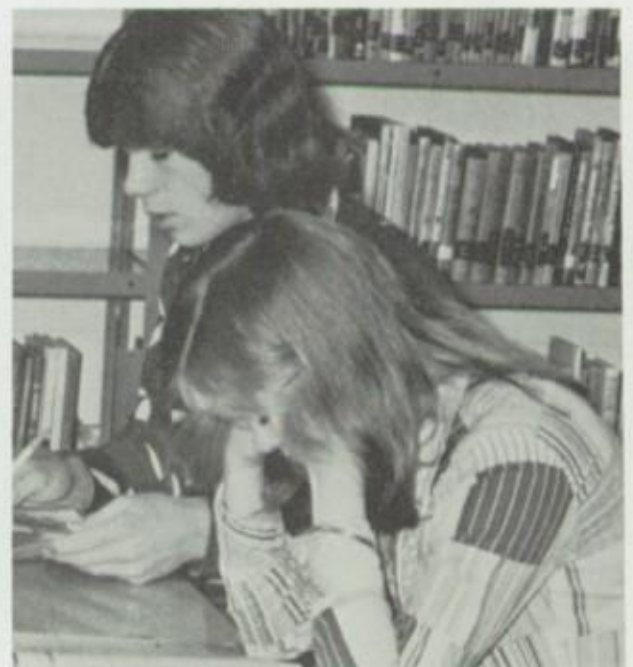
Springtime brought even more exciting activities to River Oaks. This page: Students enjoy hayride on Corral Day. Jennifer Abrough wins first place in the RO Science Fair. Student Council officers for 1976-77 were elected—Mike Easterling, vice-president; Lisa Kelso, secretary-treasurer; and Stacy McCrocklin, president. The Fourth Grade held a kite flying contest. Mr. Taylor directs the varsity band in the spring concert.

On the opposite page, Sarah Green inspects the Corral Day country store. Elementary students race toward the finish line on field day. Jimmy Greenbaum, RO president, and Donnie Thibodeaux, LISA Student Council president, preside over the 1976 LISA Convention at RO Jr. High dresses up for Louisiana Day. Seniors study hard for final exams. Ronnie Hubbard receives scholastic award at spring sports banquet. Students enjoy springtime weather in the parking lot.





# To Spring Activities

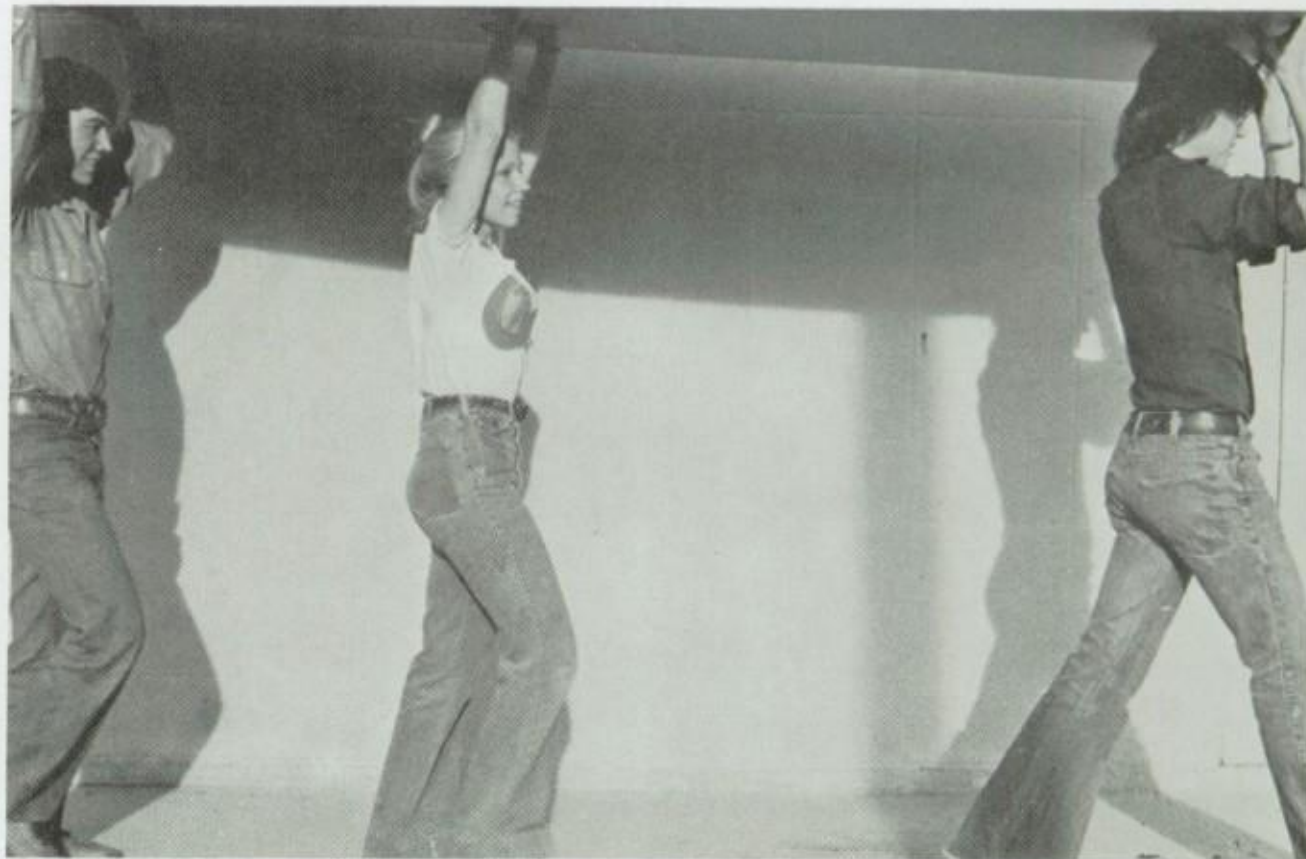




# Awards Day Honors Rally Winners,

The Fifth Annual Awards Day was held at River Oaks on May 14. Installed as new Student Council officers were President Stacy McCrocklin, Vice-President Mike Easterling, and Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Kelso. Honor students, those students truly honorable in every respect, not only classroom achievement, were announced. The following students were named: 7th grade—Tommy Curry; Jennifer Abraugh, honorable mention; 8th grade—Ann Files; Danelle Dupree, hon. mention; 9th grade—Kerry Kilpatrick; Bobbie Wyatt, hon. mention; 10th grade—Janet Fleming and Monisa Thompson, tied; 11th grade—Susan Anderson and Ellen Boatright, tied.

Students who won scholarships were announced as were students who received civic awards. All students who participated in the Tech, LISA, or state rallies were recognized. Junior high students who took part in the science fair or the DAR Essay Contest received awards. To close the program, Dr. Crowe presented the junior class their 1977 senior rings.



Top left: Juniors of '76 become Seniors of '77. Top right: Louisiana Tech rally participants. Left: 1976 honor students. Right: LISA rally participants. Bottom left: Jr. High students who won awards. Bottom right: State Rally winners. Far right: Dr. Crowe holds the plaque naming RO No. 1 in academics.





# Honor Students, and Juniors





# Graduation Night Finally





# Arrives for Class of '76



Four years of both happy and sad times ended for thirty-four graduating seniors on May 17. For the first time, graduation was held in the gymnasium. The largest graduation class ever walked down the aisle to receive their hard-earned diplomas.

A co-valedictory held by Mossy Sartor and Debbie McDaniel made the class of '76 unique. Dr. Dwight Vines, President of NLU, addressed the class. Following his address awards were presented. Debbie McDaniel received the American Legion Award; Ramsey Ogg, the Scottish Rites Masonry Award; Ronnie Hubbard, the Walter Pierron, Sr., Science Award; and Dave Garrett, the Senior History Award. Dr. Crowe declared the seniors officially graduated after Mr. Hammock and Mr. Don Stinson presented diplomas.



Top left: Class of '76 together for the last time. Top right: Dave Garrett receives his diploma. Far Left: Debbie McDaniel gives her valedictorian speech. Left: Mossy Sartor follows with her speech. Right: Dr. Dwight Vines speaks to the seniors. Far Left: John Fox and Dan George listen attentively with Mark Bodron. Bottom Left: Bridget Edwards receives her diploma. Right: The largest crowd ever appears for graduation.







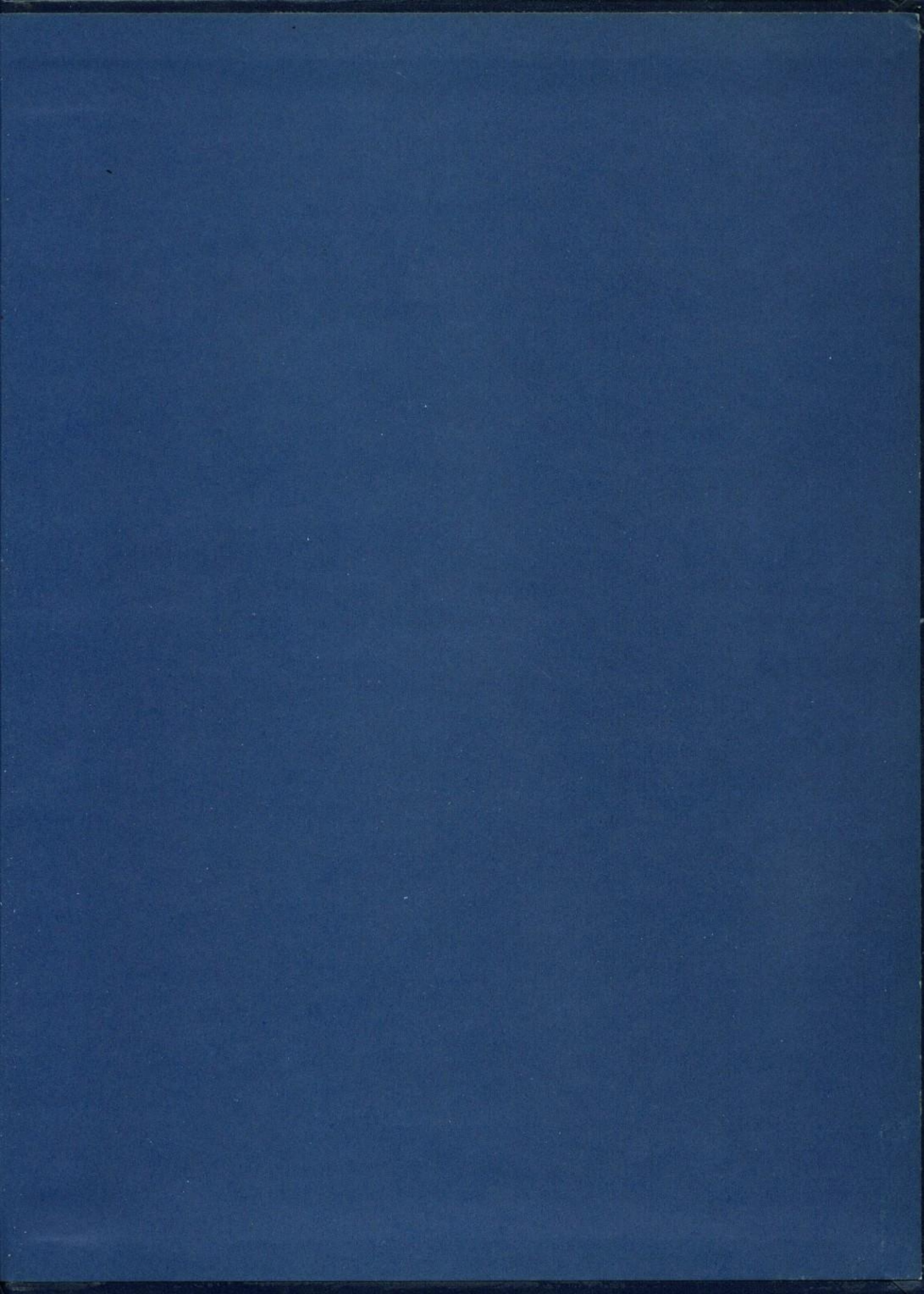














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